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I have been finding that I need to do a better job of organizing and recording what I have found. Seems I haven't found a method I like to use yet for that part of genealogy. I will keep working on it. I have found a little about the White Oak School where both of my parents went for a while. Sometimes you never know when some information will pop up when you least expect it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2022.

Nancy

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes November 8, 2021

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:30 p.m. Twenty-four people participated – nine at the library and fifteen via Zoom.

Minutes of the October 2021 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the October financial report. A new member asked if she had paid dues. Pete responded that he would look into it. The vice president over membership, Donna Kallem, said she would check.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that she has about ten book titles for the February purchase list. Additional suggestions of recently published books may be emailed to her through the society's web page.

Nancy announced that Genealogy Plus on November 17 th will be about central Iowa Norwegians. Arlen Twedt will present the program. A help session will be offered on Wednesday, November 24 th , from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the library.

The Region 8 representative of the Iowa Genealogical Society (IGS) was introduced. Mo Wilkins resides in Newton and is the IGS liaison for societies in several central Iowa counties.

Nancy asked for discussion on raising the society's yearly membership dues to $20.00 for single member and $25.00 for a family. After discussion Pete made the motion that the society's dues be raised to $20.00 for single member and $25.00 for a family per year. The motion received a second. Nancy asked if there were additional comments prior to the vote. Mary Lohr requested an amendment be made including a start date of December 1 st 2021. Pete voiced the amended motion that the society's dues be raised to $20.00 for single member and $25.00 for a family per year effective December 1 st 2021. The amended motion received a second. The was no further discussion. Nancy called for a vote and the proposal was approved by the members present.

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Nancy named the positions on the board that are up for election. Librarian, publicity, web manager, secretary and vice president – education. Those currently serving as librarian, publicity, and web manager have agreed to serve another term. Nancy asked for volunteers to fill the positions of vice president – education and secretary. The out-going vice president – education Lyle Hammes offered to sit down with his successor to assist with the transition. There were no volunteers for the two open positions at that time. Kyle Solberg made a motion to accept the officers as presented. The motion received a second and was approved by the members present.

The remainder of the evening was an attendee "Show and Tell." Information was shared and questions were raised and answered by those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

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Presenter: Iris Eriksen

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In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-24
10:00 am

The 1950 US census is scheduled for release on April 1, 2022. Learn why genealogists use census records for genealogical research and what to expect in the 1950 census.

Presenters: Gwenna Jacobson and Mary Lohr

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
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10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research.

This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

Story County Resources for Genealogical Research

Are you starting or continuing to research your Story County ancestors? If so, the following websites may be useful:

The Story County, Iowa webpage at the FamilySearch Wiki:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Story_County,_Iowa_Genealogy

This site includes lots of links to online records, historical data, and ideas for guided research.

The Story County webpage on the Iowa GenWeb site:

http://iagenweb.org/story/

An absolute treasure trove for Story County research. The site is frequently updated and one of the best county level pages on the GenWeb site.

Linkpendium:

http://www.linkpendium.com/story-ia-genealogy/

Links, links, and more links. You may find unusual resources here! Worth exploring.

Cyndislist:

https://www.cyndislist.com/us/ia/counties/story/

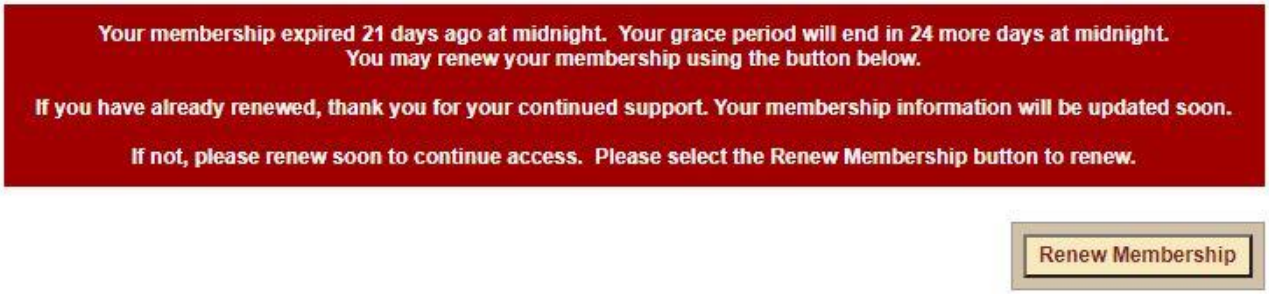
The classic site, not to be overlooked.

Do you have a favorite website or resource for research in Story County, Iowa? Please submit it to webmanager@storygenes.com.

Renewing Your SCGS Membership

Membership in the Story County Genealogical Society is for twelve months from the join date.
You can renew by using the membership form in SCGS News, printing the membership application from the website, or online through the website.

Renewing through the website can be done by logging in to the Member section (email webmanager@storygenes.com if you are having problems). If you see a red banner like this it is a reminder your membership is about to expire (or already has):



Alternatively, after logging in to the Member section, click on the word **Profile** on the left-hand menu and the image similar to the above will also appear:

Click on the **Renew Membership** button to begin the renewal process.

Reminder: you can reset your login name or password by clicking on the question mark next to the login or password box.

If you have problems, email webmanager@storygenes.com.

The red notice banner appears thirty days before your membership expires. (There is a 45-day grace period.)

Joke of the Month…Or Not

A man checked into a hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. He accidentally typed the wrong email address, and without realizing he sent the email to a widow who had just returned from her husband's funeral. The widow decided to check her email, expecting condolence messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message she fainted. The son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor and saw the computer screen which read: To my loving wife, I know you are surprised to hear from me, they have computers here and we are allowed to send emails to loved ones. I've just checked in. How are you and the kids? The place is really nice but I am lonely here. I have made necessary arrangement for your arrival tomorrow. Expecting you darling. I can't wait to see you.

Cambridge Memorial Library Update

Hello Cambridge Memorial patrons,

We are very proud of our Library! We encourage you to visit our website: **www.cambridge.lib.ia.us.** We have a new library system that enables you to search our catalog of materials from your home.

Please use your last 4 digits of your library card to search our website and to use Bridges/Libby/Overdrive. That is your PIN number.

We have a wonderful selection of books for babies to adult. You can search by titles, authors, or subject.

Our website also has many great **resources.** We have resources for adult and children education, tutoring, language skills, writing help, and many other educational websites.

There are sites for Veterans, Brain Fuse, government sites, U.S. History, World History, Business, Library catalogs, home improvement, agriculture, health, religion, genealogy, and many more.

We have adult fiction and non-fiction, Young Adult fiction and non-fiction, Tween fiction and non-fiction, Juvenile fiction and non-fiction for children ages for toddlers up to 12, and board books for babies.

We also have biographies and movies for adults and children.

Our collection is updated with new books added each month. We have weeded outdated books. One patron said that our library looked like "a beautiful bookstore"!

If you haven't been in the library in a while, please stop by!

Laurie Hazel
Interim Director

NOTE: The Cambridge Memorial Library was originally featured in the April 2021 newsletter issue but this article is an update to the April 2021 article. Their phone number is 515-220-4542 and their web site can be accessed at: http://www.circdeskA@cambridge.lib.ia.us.

Did You Know?

Submitted by Mary J. Lohr

Back issues of SCGS News are available on the Internet Archive (archive.org)
Use the search box (not the WayBack Machine) to search for **scgs news**.
Issues date back to 2010 (a few issues are missing).

You can also access past issues of the newsletter dating to January 2017 on the website (storygenes.com) under the **Newsletter** menu.

SCGS has about 75 members.

If you want, you can place a photo of yourself (head shot preferred) by your name in the membership list on the website. Just email the photo to webmanager@storygenes.com and the photo will be added to the web. This is in the **Members** only section that is not available to the public.

You can add the surnames and location you are searching. Just login to the **Member** area, click **Profile**, and then click the **Surname** tab to enter the information.

There are many helpful articles and handouts in the **Member** section.

Did you know SCGS has regular Help Sessions (usually on the fourth Wednesday) to give you assistance with your research?

Did you know the 1950 United States population census will be released April 1, 2021?

And finally, did you know researching your ancestry can be fun? Of course, you did … you're reading this newsletter!

Think About This

It's perfectly OK to talk to yourself and it's perfectly OK to answer yourself.

But it's totally sad that you have to repeat what you said because you weren't listening.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

January 2022 – National Hot Tea Month
January 1 – New Year's Day
January 7 – Estelle Reel Day (Wyoming)
January 13 – Stephen Foster Memorial Day
January 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17 – Robert E Lee's Birthday (Ala & Miss)
January 17 – Idaho Human Rights Day (Idaho)
January 17 – Civil Rights Day (Arizona & NH)
January 19 – Robert E Lee's Birthday (Florida)
January 19 – Confederate Heroes' Day (Texas)
January 29 – Kansas Day (Kansas)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

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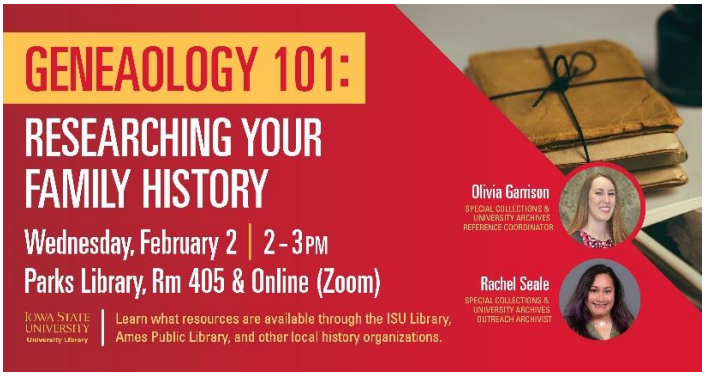
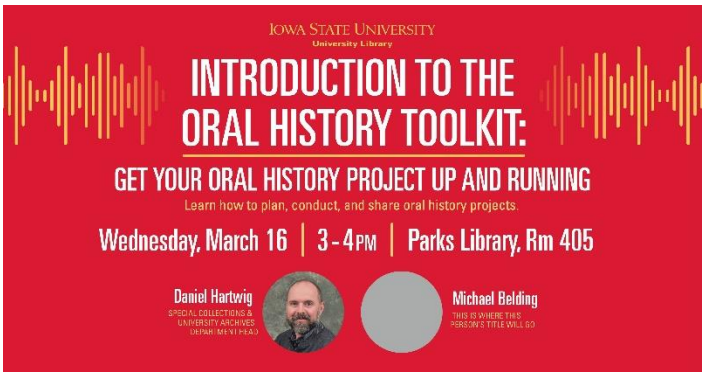
This cautionary headstone is downright funny. It's unsure if they're saying that you'll die if you go into the casket, which would suggest some sort of fatal haunting going on. Otherwise, the warning could be saying if you enter the grave, it means you already have died, so avoid it at all costs.

Genealogy and History Programs at ISU

Iowa State University has informed libraries of the following upcoming genealogy/family history related events. The events will be held in February, March and May 2022. Parks Library address and website are: **150 Parks Library, 701 Morrill Rd | Ames, IA 50011-2102] and** http://www.lib.iastate.edu/





Featured Website: Conferencekeeper.org

by Mary J. Lohr

GENEALOGY CONFERENCES, EVENTS, CALLS-FOR-PAPERS, CONTESTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS, TOURS & CRUISES, AND MORE!

ConferenceKeeper.ORG

the most complete collection of Genealogy events online!

In what may be described as a golden era in genealogy education, many learning opportunities are available via genealogy webinars, conferences and programs. However, finding them and knowing when they are presented can be a challenge. That's where a website called Conferencekeeper.org is helpful.

The website bills itself as "the most complete collection of Genealogy events online."

You can use the calendar menu to search by day, month, or keyword. There is also a separate listing of virtual (online) events. All are marked to indicate if the event is free or paid and include a link to a fuller description and registration.

The location menu also features a U.S. map with links to each state. Many of the states have further listings of state archives, genealogical and historical societies, and sometimes a digital library. (And, yes, in the link for Iowa, the Story County Genealogical Society is listed!)

You will also find categories for call for papers, contests, DNA events, jobs, podcasts, speakers … and more!

The site, maintained by Tami Osmer Mize, is free to use. On the sides of the webpages, you'll find numerous ads which "pay the freight." They are a bit obnoxious in some cases but help make the site possible for users.

You can also sign up for a weekly update to receive the latest listings via email. Usually this is sent out on Sunday. And ConferenceKeeper.org has a presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The calendar at ConferenceKeeper.org is an excellent way to keep abreast of all the genealogical speakers and programs being offered. Many of them are free … a great way to stretch your genealogy budget.

Things I'm Super Good At

- Forgetting someone's name 10 seconds after they tell me.
- Buying produce…and throwing it away two weeks later.
- Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions.
- Making plans. And then immediately regretting making plans.
- Leaving laundry in the dryer until it wrinkles. Then turning on the dryer to dewrinkle. Then forgetting it again
- Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now".

A Little Poem for Seniors, so true it hurts!

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.

There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'

We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes
And after—funeral brunches.

We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.

We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.

We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news

That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up
Before you're too damned old!

Editor's Desk (I give up – It's still messy)

Thought we should start out 2022 with a little humor in the newsletter, so I found some. After all, 2021 wasn't too full of humor so let's try 2022.

The SCGS president's article on page 1 regarding Zoom and in person meetings sure has a lot of meaning. Some good observations for both.

The poem in the left column of this page was copied from Facebook. Whoever wrote it must be a senior citizen because so much of it is true. As I am growing older, I can relate to many of the things that are in this poem, especially the very last lines:

> **That, my friend is how life is,**
> **And now my tale is told.**
> **So, enjoy each day and live it up**
> **Before you're too damned old!**

My values change as I grow older. I value different things than when I was younger.

SCGS membership has been growing a lot lately. I suppose many people are still accustomed to paying dues around the first of the year and don't realize that dues are for 12 months starting whenever you pay them. SCGS appreciates your support. The dues increase was put into place for 2 primary reasons:

- $20 Individual dues is still a good bargain
- The additional dues will help defray some expenses SCGS has such as the Zoom system, a better website and more speakers.

I hope that 2022 will be much better than 2021 (how could it be much worse??). SCGS hopes to have more speakers and other things that will be of interest to genealogists and family historians.

2022 newsletters need some more content like we have had in the past:

- Articles
- Biographies (SCGS members and/or friends)
- Library information and articles
- Anything else that can be printed!

Iowa State Governors (except 1) - SCGS Word Search #37

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Quote: "I am hoping 2022 will be much kinder to us than 2021."

Well, Nancy is in California and she could be doing several things – visiting friends and/or family, visiting cemeteries, trying to find some of her ancestors or one or more of the many things that a devoted genealogist and all-around friendly person would do. Have fun Nancy, hope the snow in Iowa is gone when you get back.

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Librarian Malvina Lutz continues her review of 5-6 books for purchase at Library and will report at the March or April 2022 meeting.

Web Manager Mary Lohr and co-Web Manager Gwenna Jacobsen are on target to present at the Genealogy Plus meeting Jan. 19, why genealogists use census records for genealogical research and what to expect in the 1950 census release.

President Nancy Long asked for two volunteers for reviewing bylaws. There was no reply. This will be brought up at next meeting.

It was noted that past member Martha Deyoe passed away last week. She was very helpful with research and worked on projects for the Genealogical Society. A collection will be taken and a book given in her name. Nancy Long will be in touch with further actions needed.

Lyle (via Zoom) reported the Danfoss Room with tables closer together and speakerphone centered worked much better for the meeting.

Guest speaker, **Iris Eriksen**, Storyteller with **The Mayflower Society** gave a presentation on their Society and membership. To obtain membership to this society you must have a relative who came to America on the Mayflower and you must prove your connection with documentation to the Society. Iris gave a brief

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introduction of the Mayflower's 90-day journey to North America in 1620. For a full review of her presentation, the Society, their history, mission, vision, values and membership, go to "The Mayflower Society" website https://themayflowersociety.org/history/. For SCGS members, three of Iris's handouts can be accessed on SCGS website under the member section titled Mayflower Society. The Mayflower "silver" books are available for review from the Ames Public Library

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https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-26

10:00 am - Noon

Theresa will address the basics of DNA testing and how to interpret the results. She has tested with multiple companies, which has the added benefit of letting her find even more distant cousins through DNA. She has convinced multiple family members to test, also, all in the name of research. Theresa has been doing genealogy for over 45 years and she is excited to be able to talk about this newest tool in our tool box.

Presenter: Theresa Liewer

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday February 23, 2022
Ames Public Library
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research. Please attend if you can offer assistance. Helping others is a great way to learn.

This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

Remembering Martha Deyoe

By Mary J. Lohr

Long-time SCGS member Martha Deyoe passed away January 9, 2022 in Nevada, Iowa.

For those who knew her, Martha embodied all that was good in genealogy. She researched, volunteered, mentored, and never gave up.

Roger Hogle shared this memory: "Martha was the organizer of the Tombstone Transcription Project. She and several members had gone through all the cemeteries in Story County before I joined SCGS. When I joined, it was decided we should revisit all cemeteries and check the transcriptions and add new burials for the update. I was involved with this second transcription and Martha was in charge of the project. Martha and I collaborated numerous times about the project. She was the one who "made it happen". I remember Martha as one of the most active members of SCGS."

Mary Lohr remembers while volunteering at the Iowa Genealogical Society in Des Moines with her, that Martha was always in the middle of activity. She was a hands-on person. Never content just to be a spectator, she served as an officer for SCGS several times, volunteered weekly at the Ames Family History Center, and was a volunteer at the Nevada Public Library.

Martha also kept informed about legislative activity and was vigilant in keeping vital records open to the public. At the first SCGS meeting I attended, Martha had a petition against a threatened closure to state records. (Fortunately, the restricted access never happened.)

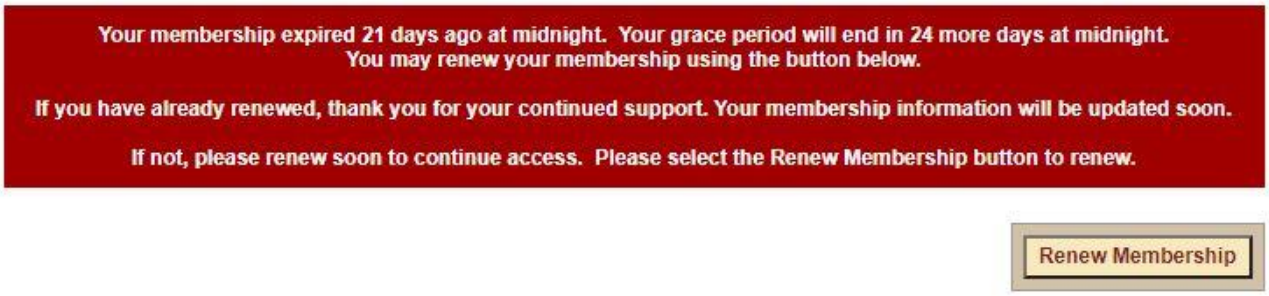
Martha's obituary can be found at her memorial on Find A Grave:
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/235708953/martha-nell-deyoe

Renewing Your SCGS Membership

This article was published in the January SCGS newsletter but I felt that it deserved to be published again.

Membership in the Story County Genealogical Society is for twelve months from the join date.
You can renew by using the membership form in SCGS News, printing the membership application from the website, or online through the website.

Renewing through the website can be done by logging in to the Member section (email webmanager@storygenes.com if you are having problems). If you see a red banner like this it is a reminder your membership is about to expire (or already has):



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Valentine's Day Somewhat Explained

The beginning of Valentine Day is somewhat mysterious. It started in Rome and evolved over the years to become a day (February 14th) when people expressed their emotions for other people through hand-made and ready-made cards and also gifts. It is said that the early 1700s is when Americans probably started to exchange hand-made valentines but the first mass-produced valentines in America were first sold in the 1840s. Today an estimated 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year (Christmas is number one). Of course, the addition of flowers, chocolates and other gifts has added to the Valentine's Day popularity. More information on this holiday can be found at:
https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2

I've Been Banned from Tractor Supply…

Yesterday I was at my local TSC store buying a large bag of my dog's food for my loyal livestock guard dog and was in the checkout, when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog?

What did she think, I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Dog Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but I'd lost 10 pounds before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with dog nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the curb to check out an Irish Setter and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from Tractor Supply.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of things to say. Forward this now, (especially) to all your mature friends…it will be their laugh for the day.

Regardless of what you may see when you look out the window, spring isn't that far away.

PERSI Returns to Allen Public Library

Submitted by Mary J. Lohr

PERSI, the Periodical Source Index, has been available for a few years at the subscription site findmypast.com. It was actually developed, and still is, under the auspices of the Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was recently announced that PERSI will be returning to the Allen County Public Library(ACPL).

PERSI is unique in that it is an index to all the genealogy periodicals held by ACPL. And yes, that does include SCGS News, the newsletter of the Story County Genealogical Society.

PERSI is a subject index, not an every-name index.

The transition is in process and is expected to be completed sometime in the upcoming months.

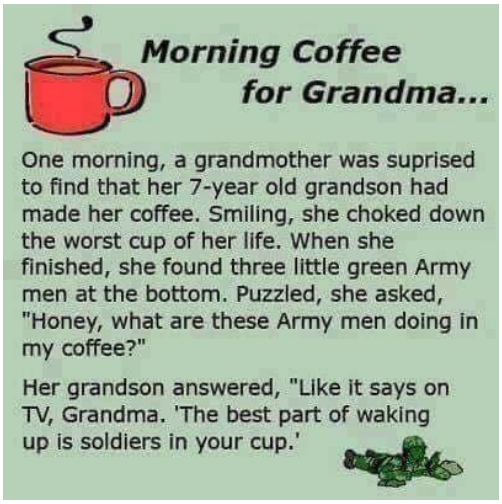
In the meantime, here is a direct link to PERSI:

https://www.genealogycenter.info/persi/

The present search feature is somewhat rudimentary but allows a search by surname, country, research technique, and author/title/keyword.

If you want to obtain a copy of an article you can contact staff at the Genealogy Center for more information.

This is an on-going process and many changes can be expected before the transition of PERSI is complete. Stay tuned!



Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

February 2022 – American Heart Month
February 1 – Birthday
February 1 – Lunar New Year
February 1 – First Day of Black History Month
February 2 – Ground Hog Day
February 3 – National Women Physician Day
February 4 – Rosa Parks Day
February 4 – Mail Carrier Day
February 6 – National Wear Red Day
February 11 – Lincoln's Birthday (observed)
February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
February 12 – Georgia Day
February 13 – Super Bowl
February 14 – Valentine's Day
February 15 – Susan B Anthony's Birthday
February 16 – Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
February 21 – President's Day
February 21 – Daisy Gatson Bates Day
February 25 – George Rogers Clark Day
February 28 – Linus Pauling Day
February 29-31 – Don't exist this year

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Editor's Desk (I give up – It's still messy)

Lately I have been finding a lot of humorous articles and sayings. Like I said last month, I think that today's times require a little bit of humor. I talked to a total stranger at the grocery store today and he told me a story of how he helped someone in need – remember that this is IOWA.

I hope that the next SCGS newsletter will be back to normal…with submitted articles on libraries, bios or interviews and other subjects that have been missing.

Don't forget your significant other on February 14th – card, gift, flowers, chocolate or just those 3 special words.

Dick

A Note from the SCGS Web Manager

You have probably noticed SCGS sends lots of email these days, especially since we have been having hybrid meetings (in-person and via Zoom). The link to a Zoom meeting is sent about a week prior to the event with a follow-up reminder about a day prior to the event. Usually this means emails for the SCGS monthly second Monday meeting and one for the Genealogy Plus meeting on the third Wednesday.

In addition, reminders are sent for the Help Session scheduled for the fourth Wednesday.
(This is in-person only, so there is no Zoom link.)

The monthly Monday night meeting link is the same for each month.
The Genealogy Plus link is different for each program. This is handled by the Ames Public Library.

One nice feature of the website is the ability to send out a "blast email" with these links.
If we used a personal email to do so, we would likely be closed for sending spam!

The drawback is that the emails go to ALL SCGS members … we cannot customize the list.
So that means you likely receive a copy of all the emails, whether the event interests you or not.
If this is the case, please just delete the email.

We would rather keep you informed of events and let you decide what you want to attend!

Mary J. Lohr, Web Manager

Colo Public Library

Well, here we go again. Another extraordinary library in Story County and you can find it in Colo. For those of you who may not know, Colo is located east of Ames on highway 30 in and is home to Colo-Nesco Community School Royals. I guess that I shouldn't be surprised that they have a library because many other communities in Story County have libraries and Colo is about the same size of town as my home town in northern Iowa, which also has a library.

The Colo library is located at 309 Main Street, Colo, Iowa 50056. The library phone number is 641-377-2900 and email address is: cololibrary@netins.net. The website address is: http://www.colo.lib.ia.us.

As shown above, the Colo Public Library has email, Internet access and many other features that are attractive to various ages of people. Something new on the website home page are various pages of upcoming events at the library. These events include a spelling bee for the children, advertisements for part-time help at the library, library board member, drawing for free chocolate for Valentine's Day, Preschool Story Hour, After School Program and many others. Of course, the events are listed on the left side of the home page also.

Other items of interest at the Colo Public Library are; Iowa's eLibrary BRIDGES, Gale learning, learning different languages thru listening, speaking, reading and writing, and an Accelerated Reader List. And like most libraries, the Colo Public Library includes a method to obtain a library card, access to media catalog, calendar, services available and bridges. Some of these items require sign in with a library card and some don't.

The Colo Public Library has other services that you might expect at a library, including faxing and using a computer.

This Public Library has nearly everything that any person would want and I would encourage everyone to visit the Colo Public Library as well as their website. If you are uncertain about any part of the library, please call the phone number listed above.

Some people may also be interested in the support byline at the end of the web page:

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President's Message

Dick was right, I was able to visit a cemetery while in California. We drove thru Forrest Lawn Memorial Park. There are some famous people buried there but you had to know where to go. There were rows, upon rows, upon rows of flat markers. There were what looked like marble statutes and of course everything was green and very well taken care of. There was a small group of people sitting around a gravesite as we drove in and there were others scattered around the grounds visiting their loved one's sites and this was a weekday. I checked Find a Grave and it said there were over 300,000 buried there. It was really something to see.

We had some excellent programs in February and learned much. Looking forward to listening to the presentations in March.

I have been extremely slow getting back into my routine but I am getting excited about our brain storming planning session to get the programing figured out for next year. It will be fun to hear everyone's ideas and suggestions.

Nancy

Planning Meeting for All

As stated in the February meeting minutes found on page 2, there will be a program planning meeting for this year and next year's society (2022 and 2023). The meeting will be held on Zoom on Saturday March 5th at 1:00pm.

All are invited to participate.

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday March 14, 2022
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Researching Courthouses
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Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday March 16, 2022
10:00 AM - Noon
At Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
Review of Genealogy Software
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday March 23, 2022
10:00 AM – Noon
Help Session
At Ames Public Library
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Story County Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes February 14, 2022
In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of President Nancy Long. Twenty-four people participated – six at the library and eighteen via Zoom.

The evening's speaker was Alissa Stoehr, an ISU professor specializing in women's studies. Her topic was "Researching Your Female Ancestors." She provided information on why it can be difficult to track female ancestors and provided suggestions for approaching research. Her presentation was followed by time for questions and discussion.

The society's business meeting was held after the speaker's presentation.

Minutes of the January 2022 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the financial report for January 2022. It will be filed for audit. He noted that Jim Anderegg had audited the records for 2020 and 2021. The only issue found involved handling of cash. The treasurer will begin issuing a signed receipt when given cash. His preferred method for any payment is a check or using PayPal.

Librarian Malvina Lutz will submit a list of six book titles published in 2020 and 2021 to the library this week. The society and the library share the cost of this yearly order. When the order is confirmed, she will submit a title list to Dick Cooper for inclusion in the newsletter.

This month's Genealogy Plus is on the 16th. "DNA explained" will be presented by Theresa Liewer. She will be speaking via Zoom. Participants may view at the library or register on the library's website to view at home.

The Help Session will be held in the Danfoss room at the library on February 23rd from 10:00a.m until noon.

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A program planning meeting for next year's society and Genealogy Plus meetings will be held via Zoom on March 5 th at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to participate.

Nancy informed the group of two upcoming conferences. The RootsTech conference will be held March 3rd – 5th.
IGS will hold its annual Spring Conference on April 9th . It is being offered in person and via Zoom.
Alice Hoyt-Veen will speak on military record resources. Details and registration are available on the IGS website.

On March 29th Iowa PBS will air a program involving IGS and "Finding Your Roots".

Gwenna Jacobson informed the group that her handout from the January Genealogy Plus meeting is on the library website.

Dick Cooper asked Malvina if it would be appropriate for him to ask the January meeting speaker for book suggestions about the Mayflower. Malvina responded that she would consider any suggestions for next year's order.

Lorilee Johnson informed the group about monthly programs offered online by the Swedish American Museum of Chicago. Upcoming dates are February 26th , March 26th and April 23rd. More information is available on their website.

The meeting concluded at 7:26 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

This notice is published every winter. If the Ames Public Schools have cancelled school due to inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) then the Story County Genealogical Society meeting for that same day will be cancelled.
Regardless of what you may see when you look out the window, spring isn't that far away.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday March 14, 2022
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

"Courthouse Research: Treasure for Family Historians,"

Alice will tell how counties are organized (counties, parishes, etc.), different methods to obtain information, types of information available, how it is available and how to access the records.

Presenter: Alice Hoyt-Veen

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday March 16, 2022
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-26
10:00 am – Noon

Genealogy Software

Genealogy software provides a method of keeping track of research. But which software does what? Dennis Allen will give an overview of several different genealogy software programs (Windows and Apple) and demonstrate the features of each.

Presenter: Dennis Allen

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Same Name, Different Person

by Mary J. Lohr

For a recent project I was researching the life of "Mrs. M.K. Smith," an early board member of the Ames Public Library. The time period was late 19th century and early 20th century, so I knew a married woman was almost always referred to by her husband's name preceded by the title Mrs. My first task was to identify M.K. Smith from that era. A bit of sleuthing revealed he was a prominent Ames business man and a director of the Ames and College Railway Company and lived from 1859-1915.

I was able to identify his wife as Laura H. West. Her life was fairly easy to document but had a sad ending with her death in 1892 at the age of 32.

This information conflicted with newspaper reports of Mrs. M.K. Smith who was active in the Book and Basket Club, a division of the Ames Women's Club, and other activities in the early 1900s. The problem was obvious that this had to be a different person, given the ten years or so time span. I checked further and M.K. Smith had remarried in 1900. The marriage record indicated this was his second marriage.

The lesson is obvious: just as there can be two people with the same name in the same proximity and time period, there can be a remarriage with the wife using the Mrs. title before her husband's name, thus having the same "identity" as a previous wife.

Two different "Mrs. M.K. Smith" ... same husband ... a first and a second marriage.
It seems so simple now!

Genealogy is never boring!

American Legion Brief History

The American Legion was established on March 15, 1919, in Paris, France, by delegates to a caucus meeting from units of the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.), which adopted a tentative constitution. The action of the Paris Caucus was confirmed and endorsed by a similar meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, from May 8 to 10, 1919, when the Legion was formally recognized by the troops who served in the United States. The Paris Caucus appointed an Executive Committee of seventeen officers and men to represent the troops in France and the St. Louis caucus appointed a similar Committee of Seventeen. These two national executive committees amalgamated and were the initial governing body of the Legion. The temporary headquarters was located in New York City.

Jamboree 2022 at Southern California Genealogical Society

For 51 years the Southern California Genealogical Society has held a 3-day Genealogy Jamboree, and for the last 9 years a one-day Genetic Genealogy Conference, with nationally known speakers covering the latest developments in genealogy. From across our nation, from neighbors Canada and Mexico and from the Old World, Jamboree speakers helped us discover our ancestors' lives and stories. In 2021 Jamboree went virtual. Besides learning a lot from the many, many presentations, programs and exhibits, we all had fun.

In light of last year's successful virtual Jamboree conference and exhibit hall, we decided to use the same format in 2022, but changing the dates to August 19-27, 2022. Registration for attendees will begin on March 4, 2022.

This year, Jamboree offers 63 speakers presenting over 80 programs over three virtual conferences – Genealogy Jamboree, Genetic Genealogy and JamboFree. Each conference will present programs you can join live or access later in the library of recorded presentations. More information on the speakers and the programs each is presenting is available at https://genealogyjamboree.com/speakers/ Clicking on a speaker's name brings up their bio and their presentations. Clicking on a program title brings up a detailed description of it.

Since all the programs will be recorded, they'll be available for viewing through October.

JamboFree will include Jambo Expo, a virtual exhibit hall, in addition to programs free to the public and opportunities for individual consultation with experts in various areas of genealogy.

Editor's Note: Story County Genealogical Society will have 1 free virtual registration available to the Story County Genealogical Society member who sends an email to the editor (coopsnames@gmail.com) and correctly identifies the year that Story County Genealogical Society was formed (hint – it was in the 1900s). Further information such as a schedule and additional details about the GenealogyJamboree will be available in future newsletters. The Southern California Genealogical Society website is: https://www.scgsgenealogy.com/index.php.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

March 1 – Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras (Al, Fl, LA, MS)
March 1 – Town Meeting Day (Vermont)
March 1 – First Day of Women's History Month
March 1 – First Day of Irish American Heritage Mo.
March 2 – Texas Independence Day
March 2 – Read Across America Day
March 4 – Casimir Pulaski Day (Wisconsin)
March 4 – Employee Appreciation Day
March 13 – Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 15 – American Legion Birthday
March 15 – The Ides of March
March 12 & 16 – Birthdays
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
March 17 – Evacuation Day (Massachusetts)
March 20 – March Equinox
March 25 – Maryland Day
March 26 – Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole Day
March 28 – Seward's Day (Alaska)
March 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
March 30 – Wyoming Veterans Welcome Home Day
March 30 – Doctors' Day
March 30 – Vietnam Veterans Day (DE,WVW)
March 31 – Cesar Chavez Day

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1950 US Census – Due April 1, 2022

Here is the link to the recording of the January Genealogy Plus presentation on 'Getting Ready for the 1950 census:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCCdbWAs-UI&t=28s

There are also three handouts from the presentation in the Members section of the SCGS website.

The 1950 Census is scheduled for release April 1, 2022 at 12:01 AM ET ... and for those of us in central Iowa that will be March 31 at 11:01 PM CT.

Less than two months away!

Timely Book Review

When I read in the newsletter that there was going to be a Mayflower presentation, I recalled a book I read several years ago. Nathaniel Philbrick's *Mayflower A Story of Courage, Community, and War*, ISBN 978-0-14-311197-9 was published in 2006. This is a good read regardless of whether you had an ancestor on the Mayflower. I appreciated that the author included an appendix, notes by chapter, a bibliography, an index, and period appropriate maps.

As genealogists we read historical publications which help us understand what our own ancestors endured during their travels and the struggles to survive. This book will not disappoint you. I still recall the emotions I felt when they lost so many in the first year, the late departure, and miserable weather, the Native Americans and wars between the tribes. It is a story of survival and greed yet also of sharing, teaching and learning. They learned how to farm and whom to trust so they could survive. Imagine what it must have been like to land in the northeastern part of the country in late fall and the winters they would have had to face. Now think about the nor'easters of today we see on the news. This book tells the story we did not learn in textbooks growing up.

Marti Steelman – SCGS member

Swedish Sessions and Links

"Swedish Settlements on the South Shore (Indiana Dunes)" presented by Kenneth Schoon—February 26, 10am-12pm

"Historical Weights, Measures and Money of Sweden" presented by Robert Johnson—March 26, 10am-12pm

"Just the Ticket to find Your Railroad Ancestors" presented by Mary Roddy--April 23, 10am-12pm

To see more information about these and other museum programs or to register for sessions ($10 for non-members) go to: swedishamericanmuseum.org/events/.

The Swedish American Genealogical Society also has researchers who can assist with Swedish genealogy research. You can find more information at: swedishamericanmuseum.org/genealogy/.

Finding Periodical Articles about Your Geographic Area of Interest Using PERSI

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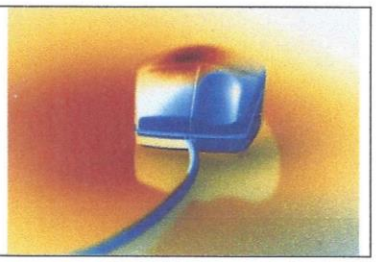

Types of Periodical Publications with Significant Genealogical Information

- genealogical society publications
- historical society publications
- family/surname society publications
- ethnic society publications
- special interest group publications
- technology and online publications

Benefits of Incorporating Periodical Use into One's Genealogical Research

- source materials
- Bible records & other unique and forgotten sources of data
- lists new publications/book reviews
- ancestor charts/family group sheets
- lists of upcoming local, regional, and national conferences and seminars
- lists of projects and other local events
- acquisitions lists/holdings of area & regional libraries and archives
- research tips
- more timely appearance of data
- variety of material types in one publication

Periodical Source Index— www.GenealogyCenter.info/persi

The ***PERiodical Source Index*** (PERSI) is the largest subject index to genealogical, historical, and ethnic periodical publications published largely in North America and the British Isles.

- More than 3.02 million subject entries (and growing!) comprise the PERSI database.
- Presently surname publications are not included in PERSI though there are plans to do so in the future. Current focus is on geographic and ethnic publications.
- PERSI is not an every name or every word index—it is a subject index.
- When engaging the keyword search features/options, it is important to know the keywords being searched are from the titles (or title entries) rather than the entire article. This will influence the terms one may choose to use.
- Defining/limiting terms: dates, occupations, organization names, ethnic group, religion, record.
- Whether initially searching in a new database or entering new terms in a familiar database, it is often prudent to enter the most conservative number of terms first to determine the outer bounds of a general result set. If the result set is too big, entering more defining terms can be done.

Subject Terms/Record Types in PERSI to Categorize/Index Periodical Articles

- Biographies
- Cemeteries
- Census
- Church
- Court Records
- Deeds
- Directories
- History
- Institutions
- Land
- Maps
- Military
- Naturalization
- Obituaries
- Other
- Passenger Lists
- School Records
- Tax Lists
- Vital Records
- Voter Lists
- Wills

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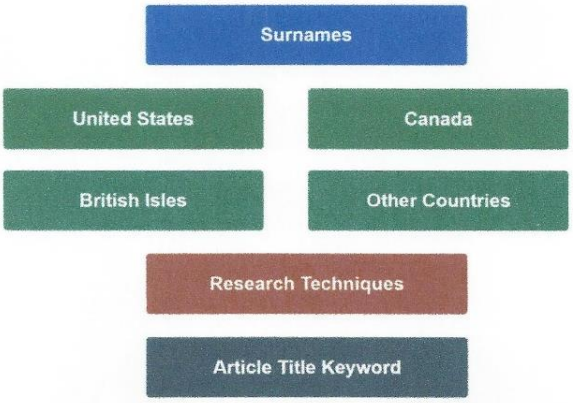
- Non-descriptive titles, misleading titles, or titles designed for their literary affect rather than their descriptive accuracy were often modified by the indexers. Hence, a title for a cemetery inscription simply called "Bones and Stones" will likely have been reworded to contain the name of the cemetery, and if the particular cemetery reading is incomplete, what portion of the cemetery was read. This does cause occasional frustration and confusion for researchers.

Periodical Source Index

PERSI is the premier subject index for genealogy and local history periodicals, and is produced by the staff of The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. Using this valuable resource provides citations to readily-available periodical sources.

Click a button below to start searching for articles.



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Requesting a Periodical Article

Finding an article of interest in the *Periodical Source Index (PERSI)* is exciting. The next step is to get access to that article(s). There are at least three ways to request an article of interest.

Article Title	Periodical	Year Published	Publisher
Cemetery records	Hoosier Genealogist Vol. 7, Issue 1 (Jan 1967) **ACPL Call #:** 977.2 In2471h	1967	Indiana Historical Society 450 West Ohio Street Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

Publisher

Quite often publishers are interested assisting those wanting copies of articles or issues. The publisher of the periodical is located under the "Publisher" heading in PERSI along with the publisher's last known address. You can also search the internet for the Publisher and Periodical title to locate an email or phone number to contact the publisher. Using this information along with the details from the PERSI entry, you can request a copy of the article directly from the publisher.

Local library

To determine if a library nearby owns the periodical, search for the periodical title on WorldCat <https://www.worldcat.org/>. Select the title of interest from the results page. There may be more than one listed so try each of them.

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The item record page has a description of the periodical followed by the "Find a copy in the library" section. Click on the (+) symbol next to the heading to open this section. If there is a (-) symbol, then the section is open.

Enter your zip code and click on the "Find libraries" button. A list of libraries who own the periodical appears based on the distance from your zip code. You can select the library and search the library's catalog to determine if it owns the specific volume, issue, or year found in the PERSI entry under the "Periodical" heading.

Genealogy Center at ACPL

[Using current fee structure: $7.50 (up to and including 6 articles) plus $0.20 per page (not charged for periodical cover / title pages).]

To request articles from the Genealogy Center, email Genealogy@ACPL.Info with the information found under the "Article Title" and "Periodical" headings in PERSI. The cost for the articles is $7.50 (up to and including 6 articles) plus $0.20 per page. The articles and fee statement will be sent via email.

Periodical Source Index— www.GenealogyCenter.info/persi

Editor's Note: This information from the Allen County Public Library is printed with their permission. The 2022 February SCGS newsletter contained a shorter article about the Allen County Public Library *Persi*, but this has much more detail and graphics, making it a much more appealing article on pages 6, 7 and 8. To follow a link shown above, copy it into the URL (search) box at the top of your web browser and click ENTER.

Vietnam War Veterans Day

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a US holiday observed annually on March 29. It recognizes veterans who served in the US military during the Vietnam War. It should not be confused with Veterans Day.

What is the Ides of March?

The Ides of March was derived from Roman times and is generally used to designate the day that Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Roman Senate in approximately 44 BC.

According to Wikipedia, the Romans did not number each day of a month from the first to the last day. Instead, they counted back from three fixed points of the month: the Nones (the 5th or 7th, nine days *inclusive* before the Ides), the Ides (the 13th for most months, but the 15th in March, May, July, and October), and the Kalends (1st of the following month). Originally the Ides were supposed to be determined by the full moon, reflecting the lunar origin of the Roman calendar. In the earliest calendar, the Ides of March would have been the first full moon of the new year.

Ides of March Words - SCGS Word Search

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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BEWARE	CASSIUS	MAMURALIA	POMPEY	SPURINNA
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Editor's Column – Well, once again I am putting my notes at the end of the newsletter, but that's OK. Thank you to everyone who submitted all of the information included in this issue. Please note the Southern California links for a virtual and in-person program (maybe a free virtual attendance ticket too) on page 4 in August and the ***PERSI*** information on pages 6, 7 and 8. Also note the Swedish links, sessions and books on page 5. Lots of good information here.

I was made aware recently that SCGS may be the recipient of another presentation about telling your **ANCESTORS' STORIES**. Don't tell anyone that Alissa told me that she may make an appearance some time. The stories should be about you and/or your ancestors. Be prepared. *Dick*

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President's Message

I am going to promote our website and newsletter this month.

First of all - the 1950 census will be released April 1 and our own Gwenna Jacobson and Mary Lohr gave a presentation on what to look for and how to find information in the 1950 census. Their presentation from January - 2022 can be found on the Ames Public Library website and their handouts can be found on the Story County Genealogical Society website under the member's section. Lots of background information and tips to get your prepared.

Next - the May Genealogy Plus will be a field trip to the ISU Parks Library. The details are being worked out but to get yourself prepared with the questions you want answered - go to the September 2021 newsletter on the website under newsletters. Our newsletter editor featured the ISU Parks Library in this issue and there is lots of information on what is available. The ISU Parks Library also has a website with maps and list of collections. This trip was scheduled in 2019 and was cancelled because of the pandemic. Will be very interesting.

Alice gave us tips on how to make our Courthouse trip a success, so we need to get that information gathered for that trip. Her handout is on the website under the member's section. And Dennis gave us several choices of software to use to record all this information we are gathering. So, if you haven't already decided on which software works for you, you have that decision to make. His handout is on the website under the member's section also and recorded on the Ames Public Library website.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 11, 2022
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
How to Start Research in European Country
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Genealogy Plus
Wednesday April 20, 2022
10:00 AM - Noon
At Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
APL Resources & Effective Genealogical Searching
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday April 27, 2022
10:00 AM – Noon
At Ames Public Library
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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes February 14, 2022

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:32 p.m. Seventeen people participated via Zoom, eleven people attended in person.

Minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the February 2022 Financial Report via a shared screen on zoom. No questions were presented. Report will be filed for audit.

Nancy Long gave an update for Librarian Malvina Lutz. Six books were submitted to the APL. Melvina is taking book suggestions for next year.

Mary Lohr made a motion to elect Deb Engelhardt as the SCGS secretary. The motion was seconded by Pete Peterson.

Genealogy Plus! is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon, via zoom or in person at the Ames Public Library. If you attend in person you must register through the APL. Dennis Allen will speak on "Review of Genealogy Software."

Genealogy Planning session is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. to narrow down our list of topics for future Story County Genealogy meeting presentations.

A Genealogy Help Session is scheduled for March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to noon, in person at the Ames Public Library. Bring your questions.

The guest speaker at the Wednesday, March 14 monthly meeting was **Alice Hoyt Veen**, Certified Genealogist**.** Her topic was on "Courthouse Research." Her handout can be found on the Story Genes web page for members under the subject of Courthouse Research.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

National Library Week and National Library Workers' Day

The theme for National Library Week (April 2022), "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building — and that everyone is welcome to use their services.

National Librarian Day is a chance to be thankful for all the knowledge that librarians possess. You may think of them as book-slingers who spend all day cataloging and reshelving, but librarians play a much more important role. From children's story time to literacy classes, libraries offer a wealth of free public resources.

All information above is from Wikipedia.

NOTE: It would be a good idea for everyone who visits the Ames Public Library or their local library, to say thank you to the librarian or library worker(s) that they see. This may not be necessarily true for the month of Aril, but any time of the year.

Planning Meeting for All

As stated in the February meeting minutes found on page 2, there will be a program planning meeting for this year and next year's society (2022 and 2023). The meeting will be held on Zoom on Saturday April 3th at 1:00pm. Everyone's input is needed. Many topics have been put into the speakers' schedules, but it isn't "set in stone".

All are invited to participate.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

This notice is published every winter. If the Ames Public Schools have cancelled school due to inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) then the Story County Genealogical Society meeting for that same day will be cancelled.

Well, the calendar says that Spring is here, and some days the temperature shows it, but others it doesn't.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 11 , 2022
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

How to Start Research in a European Country

Presenter: Gwenna Jacobson

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday April 20, 2022
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-28
10:00 am – Noon

APL Resources & Effective Genealogical Searching

Libraries are full of free resources that can help answer questions and fill holes in your genealogical research. Adult Services Manager, Megan Klein-Hewett, will share resources available at the Ames Public Library, as well as other favorite resources. She will also share methods for effective searching using these tools.

Presenter: Megan Klein Hewitt

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday April 27, 2022
Ames Public Library
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research. Please attend if you can offer assistance.

Session is informal and no appointment is needed.

What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska City, Nebraska. By the 1920s, each state in the United States had passed public laws that stipulated a certain **day** to be **Arbor Day** or **Arbor** and Bird **Day** observance. National **Arbor Day** is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April; it is a civic holiday in Nebraska.

National Arbor Day is always celebrated on the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates throughout the year based on best tree planting times in their area.

Arbor Day (or **Arbour** in some countries) is a secular day of observance in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Today, many countries observe such a holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

Information above from Arbor Day Foundation web page: Celebration Dates at arborday.org and Arbor Day Wikipedia.

Daylight Savings Time PERMANENT

A plan to have year-round daylight saving time is being discussed at the federal level.

Industrialized societies usually follow a clock-based schedule for daily activities that do not change throughout the course of the year. The time of day that individuals begin and end work or school, and the coordination of mass transit, for example, usually remain constant year-round.

While the times of sunrise and sunset change at roughly equal rates as the seasons change, proponents of daylight saving time argue that most people prefer a greater increase in daylight hours after the typical "nine to five" workday. Supporters have also argued that DST decreases energy consumption by reducing the need for lighting and heating, but the actual effect on overall energy use is heavily disputed.

Consequently, people from nearly every occupation in America have a voice and opinion on this topic.

Most information above is from Wikipedia.

Jamboree 2022 at Southern California Genealogical Society

For 51 years the Southern California Genealogical Society has held a 3-day Genealogy Jamboree, and for the last 9 years a one-day Genetic Genealogy Conference, with nationally known speakers covering the latest developments in genealogy. From across our nation, from neighbors Canada and Mexico and from the Old World, Jamboree speakers helped us discover our ancestors' lives and stories. In 2021 Jamboree went virtual. Besides learning a lot from the many, many presentations, programs and exhibits, we all had fun.

In light of last year's successful virtual Jamboree conference and exhibit hall, we decided to use the same format in 2022, but changing the dates to August 19-27, 2022. Registration for attendees will begin on March 4, 2022.

This year, Jamboree offers 63 speakers presenting over 80 programs over three virtual conferences – Genealogy Jamboree, Genetic Genealogy and JamboFree. Each conference will present programs you can join live or access later in the library of recorded presentations. More information on the speakers and the programs each is presenting is available at https://genealogyjamboree.com/speakers/ Clicking on a speaker's name brings up their bio and their presentations. Clicking on a program title brings up a detailed description of it.

Since all the programs will be recorded, they'll be available for viewing through October.

JamboFree will include Jambo Expo, a virtual exhibit hall, in addition to programs free to the public and opportunities for individual consultation with experts in various areas of genealogy.

Editor's Note: Story County Genealogical Society will have 1 free virtual registration available to the Story County Genealogical Society member who sends an email to the editor (coopsnames@gmail.com) and correctly identifies the year that Story County Genealogical Society was formed (hint – it was in the 1900s). Further information such as a schedule and additional details about the GenealogyJamboree will be available in future newsletters. The Southern California Genealogical Society website is: https://www.scgsgenealogy.com/index.php.

Lost and Found – a DNA story

By Annette Thompson

I remember my grandmother's cousin talking about our family and her genealogical research 40 some years ago. That planted a small seed and some years later, I jumped in and bought Family Tree Maker. Eventually I completed an AncestryDNA kit. Like most people, I found it fascinating that a little spit could tell my story and the story of my ancestors. I also completed a 23&Me DNA kit. Like most families, there are always misunderstandings, half-truths, and one or two juicy secrets. However, I'm not sure most people do a DNA test expecting to find lost relatives, especially close relatives.

About 10 years ago, my uncle and I traveled to the funeral of one of my cousins. We had 7 hours of great conversations and he told me many stories of his time growing up and in the Navy. He also told me a story about one of his sister's, which was very surprising to me. In 1953, her husband went to Greenland for 8 months to work. When he came back, he found her pregnant and demanded she give up the baby. I had never heard this story before but another cousin who's about 20 years older than me confirmed her parents had talked about it.

Over the years, I've had DNA matches that I don't recognize or can't confirm which branch they belong to. The end of January, I got a message via Ancestry from a new match that I hadn't seen yet. She matches me as a 1st cousin on my dad's side. I didn't recognize her name, but she gave me her birth year and location. I responded with my contact information and it didn't take long for her to call me. Sharon has her original adoption papers and the birth mother gave enough details about her family without names for me to immediately determine this lady is the baby my aunt gave up for adoption in 1954.

We've talked on the phone several times and I've sent her photos of her mother, our grandparents, and other family photos. She has half-brother and half-sister that are older than her by 3-4 years. I called the brother and broke the news to him as gently as I could. I gave him the information I had and tried to soften the shock as much as I could. I've talked to him again since then, passing

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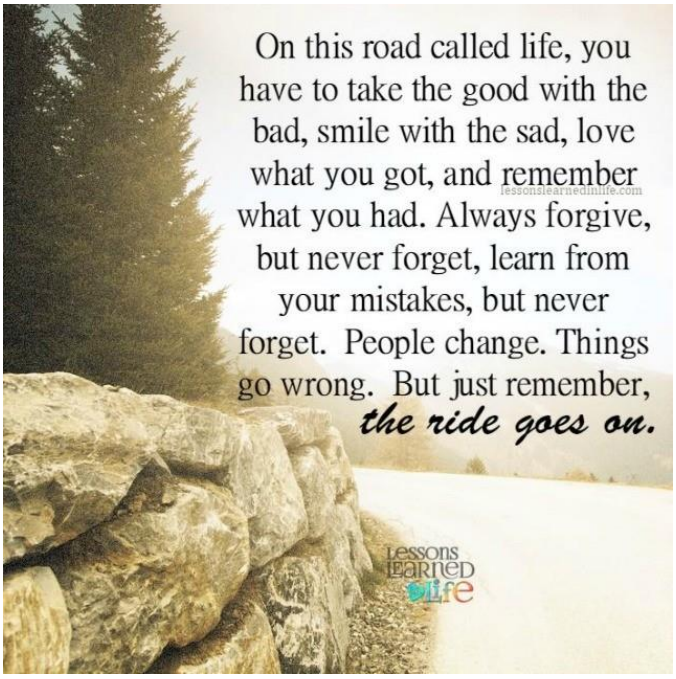
along Sharon's contact information. I waited 3-4 weeks before giving his contact information to his new half-sister. I was a little nervous about how things would play out. Sharon sent an email to her brother and it wasn't 10 minutes before his wife called to talk. Fortunately, they believe everything they were told and are willing to welcome her to the family. They are excited for her to come to the family reunion in June and meet everyone.

As far as her birth father goes, the only information on Sharon's adoption papers indicated he was 44 when she was born, single, and owned a gas station. Another cousin who I've talked to about this texted me with a couple of names to research. It took me all of 30 minutes to determine which one was most likely the birth father. I contacted Sharon and walked her through searching her DNA matches to sort out which ones don't match me. She found one that has a tree attached and includes the name of this man's brother. She sent this match a message and is waiting to hear back. I never thought we would be able to identify her birth father that quickly. I hope her father's family welcomes her with open arms.

Submitted by SCGS member



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A Research Story

submitted by Mary J. Lohr

I have researched many ancestors but have never used a poem as a starting point; that is, not until a new challenge came my way. My son-in-law's mother had discovered a poem and a Catholic rosary in some belongings as she was cleaning out her own mother's house. The family story is they belonged to a great uncle, a veteran of World War I. But they did not know to which exact relative the items belonged.

So, the quest began! A few years earlier I had researched this family tree. The person in question was thought to be on the maternal side, but I could find no males of the right age to have been a veteran in 1917-1918. So, I turned my attention to the paternal side of the family and quickly found a likely candidate, a male born in 1885. Let's call him Steve. Ancestry.com had a brief military record for him and an induction date into the army on July 5, 1917. Things were looking good!

The poem itself offered a few clues: the title of "The History of the Thirteenth" may have been part of a regiment; the ship **Orduna** was mentioned as transporting the crew to Great Britain in July; President Wilson was mentioned calling up the "Railmen." Unfortunately, there was no author of the poem listed. (The length of the poem and copyright prevent me from sharing the entire poem.)

The Find a Grave memorial for Steve has an image of his headstone (a stone that also includes the name of his wife). In between the two names is a carved image of a rosary. This supported the information I had researched previously that the family was Catholic.

Since the only information on Ancestry included little more than his name and induction date, I needed to look for another source to find military information on Steve. Fold3 was a logical database but I don't have a subscription … but I do have access to it as a benefit with my membership in the Southern California Genealogical Society!

From records on Fold3 I quickly found Steve's name on the ship **Orduna**, the name of his unit (The Thirteenth Engineers), and the date of July 23, 1917. He is also listed as returning on a ship September 5, 1919 and gives his mother as a contact person. The mother's name and address correspond with earlier genealogy research done on this family.

Since this poem has been in continuous possession of the family, I think I've discovered the author, or at least the person described in it. The specific biographical facts in the poem match. The poem is typewritten so we can't compare any handwriting and there is no by-line, so my findings are "probable."

It was a fun search, especially since using a poem as a starting point in genealogy research was a first. Another bonus: membership in a genealogical society has benefits!

I just paid for a 12-month membership to the gym and my bank called to see if my credit card was stolen

Farm Kid Writes Home After Joining the Marines.

THIS IS PRICELESS.

Dear Ma and Pa:

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting used to it, so, I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer, you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route marches," which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have

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"Low-tech" Tech Solution

by Mary J. Lohr

One of the items on my computer's physical desktop is a combination printer/scanner/copier. The machine works very well-- except, when it doesn't. Recently I encountered a situation where the copier function would work but the printer and scanner gave an error message of "cannot connect to computer."

Since my printer/scanner/copier doesn't have many buttons and options to reset or adjust, my options were limited. After checking that all the cables were securely connected, I deleted the printer software and reinstalled it but that still did not solve the problem. Turning the printer on and off did not work either.

Finally, after much time and frustration I simply unplugged the machine for several hours and went about some other tasks.

To my amazement, the next morning when I plugged the machine back in everything worked perfectly! I have no explanation for this except perhaps something internally needed to be reset.

Lesson learned: when all else fails, unplugging something for a period of time may solve the issue!
I can't guarantee that it will work, but it certainly won't hurt.

(An interesting side not is that in relating this experience to friends, they recounted their TV was not working as expected and the same solution of unplugging and re-plugging worked for them, too!)

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to be really careful though, they break really easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake . I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,

Alice

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

April 2022 – Community College Month
April 1 – Pascua Florida Day (Florida)
April 1 – April Fool's Day
April 3 – 64th GRAMMY Awards
April 3-9 – National Library Week
April 6 – National Tartan Day
April 7 – National Beer Day
April 10 – National Siblings Day
April 12 – National Library Workers' Day
April 13 – Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
April 15 – Father Damien Day (Hawaii)
April 15 & 16 – Emancipation Day (DC)
April 15 – Arbor Day (Colorado)
April 18 – Tax Day
April 18 – Patriots' Day (Maine & Mass.)
April 18 – Boston Marathon
April 21 – San Jacinto Day (Texas)
April 22 – Oklahoma Day (Oklahoma)
April 25 – Arbor Day (Wyoming)
April 25 – Confederate Memorial Day (MS, AL, GA)
April 26 – Confederate Heroes' Day (Florida)
April 27 – Administrative Professionals Day
April 28 – Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
April 29 – Arbor Day (Nebraska & Delaware)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Editor's Column – coopsnamems@gmail.com

Well, here I am with a short column again. April started out slow for the newsletter, but our members came through with some very good articles – just a few are pages 3, 6 and others. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.**

I was very happy to see an article about ancestors (page 5). As I have said before, everyone has a story(s) to tell. Also, I am very disappointed that nobody from SCGS has sent me an email (coopsnames@gmail.com) with the date that SCGS was formed. The first one to send me the correct date will receive a FREE virtual ticket to the session explained on page 4.

Dick

1950 US Census – Due April 1, 2022

Here is the link to the recording of the January Genealogy Plus presentation on 'Getting Ready for the 1950 census:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCCdbWAs-UI&t=28s

There are also three handouts from the presentation in the Members section of the SCGS website.

The 1950 Census is scheduled for release April 1, 2022 at 12:01 AM ET ... and for those of us in central Iowa that will be March 31 at 11:01 PM CT.

Less than two months away!

Another Good Source for Census Forms

The 1950 US Census is great to use to catch up on your ancestors via the Census, but Kyle Solberg (SCGS member) has created
some data sheets that can be used in other Census' as well – from 1790 to 1950. If you are interested in seeing his sheets, you can contact him at: kdsolberg@gmail.com.

Links from the March Presentations

The recording of Dennis Allen's Genealogy Plus presentation on "Comparison of Genealogy Software" is available. He also talked about DNA:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJhcgVPEI0E

(Please note: there were technical problems so the video and audio part quality are somewhat diminished.)

If you missed the Finding Your Roots with the Iowa Genealogical Society, you can catch it at this link on Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_evS9VkEIRY

Remember Winter? – Winter Words - SCGS Word Search

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Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

ANTIFREEZE	CLOUDY	HIBERNATION	SCRAPER	SNOWMAN
BITTER	COLD	ICE	SHOVEL	SNOWPLOW
BLANKETS	DEICER	ICEFISHING	SLED	STORM
BLIZZARD	EGGNOG	MELT	SLIP	TEMPERATURE
BOBSLED	FIREPLACE	MUD	SNOW	WOOL
CHAINS	FREEZE	SALT	SNOWBLOWER	WRECKS

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President's Message

I have been attempting to gather my questions for our trip the Parks Library in May. I guess I don't know where to start because there is so much information I can gather. I need to just sit down and check the Parks Library website again and go from there. How are you doing with your plans for the Field Trip?

Have you planned any genealogy trips for the summer? There are a couple courthouses I want to visit so far on my list. Of course, I found a couple of cemeteries I didn't know about - one in Polk County and one in Boone County - so they are close, and a trip will have to be made to find them and the relatives buried there.

I have gotten requests for genealogy information from several family members lately. They asked how someone is related or what branch does this person go. Had to do a little detective work but found them and answered their questions. It was fun and glad to answer their questions.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 9, 2022
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Heraldic Blazonry and Genealogy
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Genealogy Plus
Wednesday May 18, 2022
10:00 AM - Noon
Trip to Parks Library, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday May 25, 2022
10:00 AM – Noon
At Ames Public Library
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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes April 11, 2022

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:35 p.m. with 8 people participating via Zoom, 16 people attended in person.

Minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the March 2022 Financial Report via a shared screen on Zoom. A question concerning speaker fees was clarified by Pete. No other questions were given. The Financial Report will be filed for audit.

Malvina Lutz, librarian, submitted 6 books to Library. All 6 were accepted by the Ames Public Library. However, the library is experiencing a backlog in getting them catalogued due to staffing issues. The book titles will be published in the SCGS May newsletter and hopefully cataloged by then at the library.

Nancy Long reported a "virtual" program through the Appleton Public Library in Appleton, WI will be held April 16 at 2 pm. on **"Finding Those Who Served, Civil War Genealogy."** Next one will occur May 14 on how to find your ancestors. Attendees must register in advance for these meetings by clicking the link below or copying the following address into your browser: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zQiCFhabRi2jamv9SiUMDQ

Meghan Klein Hewitt, will present a program Wednesday, April 20, 2022 on **APL Resources & Effective Genealogical Searching**, in person at the Ames Public Library and also by Zoom. Program begins at 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Do you need help with your genealogy research? A **Genealogy and Computer Help Session** will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at the Ames Public Library beginning at 10 a.m. Bring your questions and we will try to help you find answers or ideas for further research. Session is informal and no appointment is needed.

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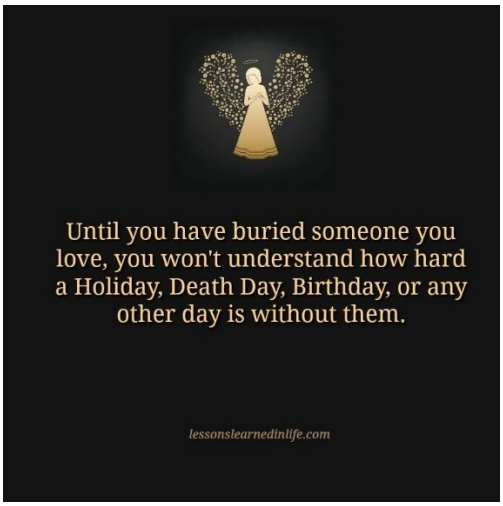
Nancy Long reported a **trip to the ISU Parks Library** May 18, room 402, on Genealogy Plus. Program will begin promptly at 10 a.m. A Parks Library tour and ability to do family research will be offered. Transportation is free using Cy-Ride buses that run from the south parking lot of CY Stephens every 10 minutes. Buses may require a face mask. The bus will drop you at the Parks Library. You may register at https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/event/genealogy-plus-1.

Nancy Long reported that Family Search now has the 1950 census and you can go in and help index this census to make corrections before it is cast in stone. Volunteers are busy ensuring that information indexed by computers is complete and accurate. By participating, you are helping people to discover details about their family that have been hidden for 72 years. To learn more, go to https://www.familysearch.org/en/info/1950-census-details. Also, the National Archives has already launched several webpages devoted to the 1950 census, including the main page, 1950 Census Records, at archives.gov/research/census/1950.

Guest speaker at the Wednesday, April 11 SCGS monthly meeting, held at the Ames Public Library, was Gwenna Jacobson on "How to Start Research in a European Country." Her presentation and handouts can be found on the Story Genes web page for members under the heading European Research.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary



Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 9 , 2022
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Heraldic Blazonry and Genealogy

Presenter: Don Pady

"Heraldic Blazony and Genealogy: Discovering New Worlds in Family History"
Don will talk about the descriptions of many coats of arms from early times to the present, showing how men, women, and corporate organizations used the elements of historic blazonry and genealogy.

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday May 18, 2022
Trip to Parks Library, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
10:00 am – Noon

We'll meet at 10 AM CDT in Room 402 (Special Collections) at Parks Library on the Iowa State University campus.

Free parking is available in the Iowa State Center parking lot at the southwest part.
You can ride the free "Circulator" bus to campus which makes a stop right by Parks Library.
(Note: masks may be required to ride the bus, depending on current guidelines.)
See the SCGS website – www.storygenes.com ***(Events)*** *for more information*

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday May 25, 2022
Ames Public Library
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research. Please attend if you can offer assistance.

Session is informal and no appointment is needed.

How To Get to the Parks Library via Cy

Please note in the minutes shown on page 2 of this newsletter, instructions are outlined as to an easy way to get to the Parks Library via CY Ride. The September issue of this newsletter, also shows this same thing.

There is a Visitors Guide to Research Resources: https://instr.iastate.libguides.com/public. The library encourages visitors to utilize parking near the stadium and ride the free orange route CyRide to the library. Once someone tries it, they are hooked but it can be daunting to someone not familiar with campus. Bus drivers are happy to help 1st time (or even 20th time) riders get where they need to go. During the regular school year, it gets to the stadium lot every 10 minutes – during the summer it's more like every 20 minutes. You will find a route map to the Visitor's Guide – on the tab for Planning an On-Site Visit.

Daylight Savings Time PERMANENT

A plan to have year-round daylight saving time is being discussed at the federal level.

Industrialized societies usually follow a clock-based schedule for daily activities that do not change throughout the course of the year. The time of day that individuals begin and end work or school, and the coordination of mass transit, for example, usually remain constant year-round.

While the times of sunrise and sunset change at roughly equal rates as the seasons change, proponents of daylight saving time argue that most people prefer a greater increase in daylight hours after the typical "nine to five" workday. Supporters have also argued that DST decreases energy consumption by reducing the need for lighting and heating, but the actual effect on overall energy use is heavily disputed.

Consequently, people from nearly every occupation in America have a voice and opinion on this topic.

Most information above is from Wikipedia.

Jamboree 2022 at Southern California Genealogical Society

For 51 years the Southern California Genealogical Society has held a 3-day Genealogy Jamboree, and for the last 9 years a one-day Genetic Genealogy Conference, with nationally known speakers covering the latest developments in genealogy. From across our nation, from neighbors Canada and Mexico and from the Old World, Jamboree speakers helped us discover our ancestors' lives and stories. In 2021 Jamboree went virtual. Besides learning a lot from the many, many presentations, programs and exhibits, we all had fun.

In light of last year's successful virtual Jamboree conference and exhibit hall, we decided to use the same format in 2022, but changing the dates to August 19-27, 2022. Registration for attendees will begin on March 4, 2022.

This year, Jamboree offers 63 speakers presenting over 80 programs over three virtual conferences – Genealogy Jamboree, Genetic Genealogy and JamboFree. Each conference will present programs you can join live or access later in the library of recorded presentations. More information on the speakers and the programs each is presenting is available at https://genealogyjamboree.com/speakers/ Clicking on a speaker's name brings up their bio and their presentations. Clicking on a program title brings up a detailed description of it.

Since all the programs will be recorded, they'll be available for viewing through October.

JamboFree will include Jambo Expo, a virtual exhibit hall, in addition to programs free to the public and opportunities for individual consultation with experts in various areas of genealogy.

Editor's Note: Story County Genealogical Society will have 1 free virtual registration available to the Story County Genealogical Society member who sends an email to the editor (coopsnames@gmail.com) and correctly identifies the year that Story County Genealogical Society was formed (hint – it was in the 1900s). Further information such as a schedule and additional details about the GenealogyJamboree will be available in future newsletters. The Southern California Genealogical Society website is: https://www.scgsgenealogy.com/index.php.

DATING TIPS FOR GENEALOGISTS

The cemetery is not a normal rendezvous point for a first date.

Resist the temptation to wear a t-shirt that says "I love dead folks" or "I feel happiest in graveyards".

Making the observation that your date's Soundex code is K564 is unlikely to impress them.

If your date likes you enough to reveal their date of birth, do not ask for an independent source of proof.

When driving your date home after dinner, do not take a "romantic detour" via the local history center.

To aid recognition on a blind date, wear a bright flower or carry a copy of a well known newspaper. Do not carry a copy of "Olafson's illustrated guide to the Swedish cemeteries of Illinois."

Sorry, everyone but this will be a short article. Lots of things have been happening lately.

Please read about the May trip to the Parks Library. That should be very informative.

Dick

1950 Census Nuggets:

College students were enumerated for the first time at the school they attended, not in their home town as in previous census

If no residents were home when the census taker called, the instructions were to note "Not at home" and then record the information (when obtained) beginning on "page" 71. Most enumeration districts did not run for that many pages so there will likely be a gap in the numbering of pages for the enumeration district.

More sampling was done in the 1950 census than in the 1940 census.

Americans overseas were counted for the first time, including members of the armed forces, crews of vessels, employees of the United States living in foreign countries, and Americans living abroad (reported by families and neighbors). These were on separate forms and only a few of these still exist.

The 1950 housing census was printed on the reverse of the population census. However, it was not microfilmed and is no longer extant.

In March 1951 the U.S. Census Bureau installed a computer to process census returns. This was the first use of a commercial computer for non-military use.

In 1950 the post-World War II baby boom had begone and 16,196,536 children under the age of five were enumerated. *(It's likely some SCGS members appeared for the first time in a census!)*

Contributed by SCGS member

2022 SCGS/APL Genealogical Book Purchase

1. *Learning More About Your Ancestors Online*, by Kenneth R. Marks, published 2021.

2. *Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence*, by Diana Elder and Nicole E. Dyer, published 2021.

3. *Your Possible Mayflower Ancestor*, by Frank H. Kasson, published 2021.

4. *Explore Your Swedish Heritage*, by Hakan Skogsjo, published 2020.

5. *Husforhorslangder, Swedish Household Examination Records*, by Robert W. Johnson and Elizabeth Williams Gosmoll, published 2020.

6. *Cemetery and Gravestone Handbook: For Genealogists and Family Historians*, by Gary W. Clark, published 2019.

Malvina Lutz

SCGS Librarian

Technology Update

submitted by Mary J. Lohr

The Covid Pandemic changed many things, including how SCGS meetings are conducted. Zoom has become a household word and hybrid meeting have become commonplace. In the summer of 2020, SCGS created a free Zoom account and held some member gatherings to stay in touch with our members. But the forty-minute limit was not enough for our needs, so the Board voted to upgrade to a paid version … and SCGS was off and running. Well, at least our meetings were. During the 2020-2021 year we held virtual meetings.

In the fall of 2021 restrictions from the Pandemic were beginning to ease and we were able to meet again in person at the Ames Public Library. However, for a variety of reasons not all members were ready to return to meeting in person. Working with the Ames Public Library we were able to start hybrid meetings, that is a combination of both in-person and online meetings. This was completely new territory for us as we were given the use of software ("OWLS") by the library. The OWLS are a device that allows a speaker to share a slideshow both to members at home via a Zoom connection and those in the room.

But with advanced technology comes challenges! The audio portion of the Zoom meetings has been problematic at times as anyone who has participated knows. The OWL has to be close to the speaker to be able to sufficiently remit the sound. And we soon learned that any computers in the meeting room at the library had to be muted! Otherwise, there is tremendous feedback with an ear-piercing sound.
We are trying different configurations of the tables in the meeting room to get the best sound but we haven't yet found the best arrangement.

There are also challenges with room lighting that we are working to improve. Should the shades be lowered (it seems that works best) and at what level should the overhead lights be?

We'll continue to try to maximize the video and audio portions of the meeting as best as we can.
The technology available to us is not perfect but we grateful to the Ames Public Library for their making the OWLs available to us.

Despite the less-than-ideal situation, these hybrid meetings have many benefits, among them is the ability for members at a distance to participate! That has not been the case previously. But for those members and guests who want the camaraderie of meeting with fellow genealogy researchers, that option is also available.

The SCGS Board also continues to meet via Zoom, an improvement over trying to find an available meeting place. The Board has agreed to extend hybrid meetings for the Monday night meetings for the 2022-2023 genealogy season. (Of course, this is dependent on being able to use equipment supplied by the Ames Public Library.)

The Genealogy Plus Meetings, held on the third Wednesday, are also a hybrid meeting. However, these are co-sponsored by the library which uses an entirely different set of equipment. A benefit of these is many of the Genealogy Plus presentations are recorded and posted to the Ames Public Library YouTube channel.

In summary, changes abound … and are likely to continue. Please continue to join us, either virtually or in-person, as we continue the hunt for the ancestors!

Story County Cemeteries Word Search

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President's Message

Hope everyone had a good summer and made some real good discoveries. I hope you broke thru many brick walls this summer and I want to hear about them. The summer was kind of different for us. Tom had his left hip replaced in June. Everything went well and he is pain free now and able to get around much better. His sister passed away in California in July and she wanted her remains to be buried in Ames so helped plan a Celebration of Life for that. Seemed like an excellent time to gather some more family history, which I did. But as usual I have more questions. Did find a couple cousins who volunteered to help with questions I had, felt that will be a big help. Discovered again, what a small world this is by finding out how someone is related or connected in more than one way. There is one relative that several have been researching and cannot find out how he got to the United States from Luxembourg and which also how he got to Chicago. That part of his life seems to be a big mystery.

I am really looking forward to the programs that have been planned for the upcoming year. We will be doing hybrid meetings like last year. I think this works for a variety of reasons. Hope to see everyone September 12.

Nancy

The SCGS treasurer received 2 obituaries of people who were from Ames. They are Carolyn Kay (Diestler) Rockwell and Marilyn Gwen (Martin) Parizek. If you should want copies of the obituaries, please contact our treasurer or myself at coopsnames@gmail.com.

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday September 12, 2022
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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes May 9, 2022

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:32 p.m. with 13 people participating via Zoom, 16 people attended in person.

Minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the April 2022 Financial Report via a shared screen on Zoom. Pete reported one new membership added to the treasury and two expenditures consisting of Pay Pal fees and a donation to the Ames Public Library. The Financial Report will be filed for audit.

Nancy Long reported all 6 books donated to the APL have been received but are still waiting cataloguing. The book titles were published in the SCGS May newsletter.

Nancy Long reminded attendees of the **trip to the ISU Parks Library May 18**, room 402, for the Genealogy Plus meeting. You can find more information on the StoryGenes.com web page. Program will begin promptly at 10 a.m. A Park library member will meet attendees at the door. A tour will be given and ability to do family research will be offered. Transportation is free using Cy-Ride buses that run from the south parking lot of CY Stephens every 10 minutes. Buses may require a face mask. The bus will drop you at the Parks Library. You may register at https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/event/genealogy-plus-1.

There will also be a **Genealogy & Computer Help Session** at the Ames Public Library on Wednesday, **May 25, 2022** from 10:00-noon. Come join us if you could use a little help in your genealogy research or have questions.

Guest speaker at the Wednesday, May 9 SCGS monthly meeting, held at the Ames Public Library, was Donald Pady. His topic **"Heraldic Blazonry and Genealogy."** Don was an Associate Professor at the ISU Library where he was a Reference Librarian and Bibliographer for 20

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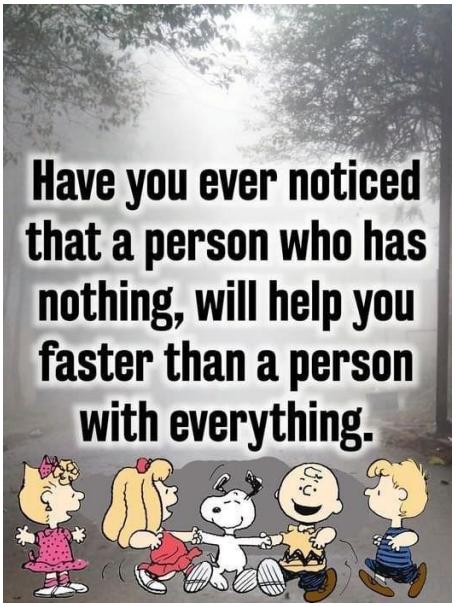
years. He and wife Carol then moved to Rochester, MN, where he was the History of Medicine Librarian and Archivist in the Mayo Foundation, before retiring. Don's interest in genealogy began when he discovered his distant ancestor, John Pady, was Mayor of Oxford, England, during the 1200's, and that his extant impression of his signet ring revealed that he, too, had a coat of arms. Don gave descriptions of many coats of arms from early times to the present, showing how men, women, and corporate organizations used the elements of historic blazonry and genealogy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

SCGS Website Update

Handouts from SCGS speakers and programs have been moved from the Members section to the public side of the website to make them **more easily accessible**. **No password is needed to view them**. **They can be found under the title "Handouts".**

The handouts have also been organized into categories: Ames Public Library; Civil War Veterans; Death, Cemetery, Obituaries, Probate; FamilySearch; Genealogy Education; Genealogy Research; Lineage Societies: Story County, Iowa Research.



Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday September 12, 2022
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Researching From a Distance

Genealogy records can be spread across several counties, states, countries, and continents. We can't often visit the ancestral lands to research, but there are ways to access some of the records. SCGS member Kyle Solberg will describe ways to find the resources and records when you can't be where the resources are located.

Presenter: Kyle Solberg

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday September 21, 2022
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
10:00 am – Noon

Underground Railroad in Iowa

Iowa and the Midwest are often left out of narratives about the Underground Railroad, yet the state played a central role in the fight against slavery. In this presentation, you will learn about the flight of enslaved African Americans from Missouri and other slave states into abolitionist towns in southern Iowa. From here, many freedom seekers traveled north to free states and Canada, although some settled in Iowa cities such as Des Moines for their entire lives. The stories of freedom seekers and conductors buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines will further exemplify the role of central Iowa in the Underground Railroad.

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

Presenter: Allie Shambaugh-Miller

SCGS Membership

Fall – the time of year when Story County Genealogical Society starts their monthly meetings. As always there will be interesting, learning programs presented both live and by Zoom so everyone can take part.

Topics covered this fall will be include tips for "Researching from a Distance" by Kyle Solberg; "Underground Railroad in Iowa" by Allie Shambaugh—Miller; "How to Have a Successful Family Reunion" by Fidella Marty; "Finding Your Roots"; "Digital Books for Genealogical Research" by Megan Klein-Hewitt; and "Cultural Impact of the Covid Pandemic" by Dr. Paul Lasley. And there will be more great things coming in the second part of the year!

Help sessions will begin again for anyone needing help with brick walls or genealogy questions of any sort.

So, if you would like to be included in all or some of these events, now is the time to join. Membership if only $20 per year for a single, $25 for couple. Just see back page of this newsletter for further details.

Donna Kallem
Membership Chair

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday September 28, 2022
Ames Public Library
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research. Please attend if you can offer assistance. This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

How to End Things

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting "Holy Cow…What A Ride!"

Author Unknown

My Genealogical Will
For Preserving My Family History

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament:

To my spouse, children and/or heirs, guardian, administrator or executor:

Upon my death, it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those prepared by others, which may be in my possession. This includes but is not limited to books, paper and/or computer files, notebooks, correspondence, audio/visual items, photographs, and documents, for a period of two years.

During this two-year period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

Parties to contact regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but are not limited to:

Name	Address	Telephone

In the event that you find no one to accept these materials, please contact the institutions listed below, in order, and determine if they will accept part or all of my genealogical materials.

Institution Name	Address (Contact Person)	Telephone

Please remember that my family history studies consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my strong desire that the product of these efforts be preserved and allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____ **Witness** _____

Date _____ **Date** _____

Please feel free to copy this Genealogical Will and re-type it and/or change it to your satisfaction. I do not remember where I copied it from but there are many similar copies online. If you should desire a fresh copy to be emailed to you, send me an email at coopsnames@gmail.com.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

September – National Preparedness Month
September – National Wilderness Month
September 5 – Labor Day
September 7 – Brazil Independence Day
September 9 – California Admission Day (CA)
September 10 – Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day (CA)
September 10 – Native American Day (DE)
September 11 – First Responders Day (NC)
September 11 – Patriot Day
September 11 – Nat'l Day of Service/Remembrance
September 11 – National Grandparents Day
September 11 – Constitution Commemoration Day
September 12-18 – National Staffing Employee Week
September 15 – First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 16 – Constitution Day/Citizenship Day observed
September 16 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 16 – Mexico Independence Day
September 16 – National Stepfamily Day
September 17 - Constitution Day/Citizenship Day
September 17 – National Clean Up Day
September 17 – National Dance Day
September 18 – Air Force Birthday
September 18-24 – Minority Enterprise Development Week
September 18-24 – Unmarried and Single Americans Week
September 22 – Emancipation Day (OH)
September 22 – September Equinox
September 23 – Native American Day (CA, NV)
September 23 – Michigan Indian Day
September 24 – Public Lands Day (WY)
September 24 – National Public Lands Day
September 24 – National Hunting & Fishing Day
September 25 – Gold Star Mother's Day
September 26 – American Indian Day (TN)
September 30 – American Indian Heritage Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Editor's Column

Judging by the number and the quality of articles, I guess it pays to mention the newsletter's need for them, or we just have a lot of good members (I think the latter is probably more right). I was nearly ready to put my article on page 10, then I realized that there was some space left on page 5!!!

Everyone please pay attention: I have been told by a neighbor that soon I will be getting a cat. She is pure black, just had some kittens and everything else is taken care of – just have to make sure that mama lets go of the kittens. NOW COMES THE BIG DECISION – WHAT DO I NAME THE CAT? ANY SUGGESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. Now I will have something to keep me company.

I would urge everyone to visit our website: www.storygenes.com, and check out the changes mentioned in the article on page 2. Think of it, no password or user names needed. Just go to the left column and click on the word **Handouts** and see what happens. There is a lot of information in many handouts under the title **Handouts –** and organized too.

I, too am anxious for the meetings to start again so that I can see the members in person again. As many of you already know, I now live alone in this house (soon to have a cat for company). Mary never was interested in genealogy, but I have found many things that she "saved" that are of value – many pictures, 8 years of report cards starting in 1st grade, certificates and other items.

Dick

Establishment of Kelley Community Cemetery, Kelley Iowa

Most genealogists have visited and researched in cemeteries, but very few have ever been involved with ***establishing*** *a new cemetery. The late Merlene Whisenand, a long-time member of SCGS and her husband, Paul, were instrumental in the creation of the Kelley Community Cemetery in Story County, Iowa. Here is a summary from a presentation Merlene gave in March 2014 concerning this project:*

"... We lived in Kelley for nearly 50 years where he held many city positions – town maintenance and local law enforcement, council member, … and Mayor for 16 years... We moved to Kelley in 1961 and my dad moved to Huxley and then Kelley after my mother's death. My dad died in 1976 and was buried in the family plot in Malcom, Iowa. … It started us thinking – where would we want to be buried? We decided we'd prefer the place where we had our home and where our children grew up. But there was only a church affiliated cemetery there and only church members were permitted to be buried there. We brought up the subject informally with people we knew in Kelley and learned most non-Lutheran church members were buried in Ames, either in the Ames Municipal Cemetery or the private Memorial Gardens. Since that didn't seem to be an ideal situation, we began exploring other options. There was lots of interest among the townspeople who were not members of the Lutheran Church. Several sites were considered – generally in town or in close proximity. Some people objected to one site or the other because "I don't want to live next to a CEMETERY!"

A local farmer approached Paul one day and asked if the city would be interested in purchasing a triangular shaped tract of land he owned to put in a cemetery. After informal conversations with many people Paul decided to bring up the subject to the City Council. After much discussion and researching what it would entail to "build a cemetery," the council decided to pursue the idea. At the time I was deputy city clerk, later to become the city clerk. My first job was to try to find out if there were any criteria to starting a cemetery. I contacted every department I could think of at the state level only to be told that a NEW cemetery had not been built in the State of Iowa for close to 100 years and they had no guidelines for us. THE DNR gave us a few general pointers such as be sure to look at how the water drains from the area, etc. Duh! We knew that much!

But finally, the decision was made and an offer was made to the farmer, which was accepted. Of course, not everything came up roses and there were problems along the way such as a dispute on boundaries, etc. but there finally came the day that we were ready to name a committee of some 10-12 members to "get to work." At their initial meeting they elected officers to conduct the business of the Cemetery Board. On April 6, 1993, the second organization meeting of the committee to form the Kelley Cemetery was held. At the first meet a local landscape artist volunteered to design the cemetery based on the parameters of the last meeting. I'm not sure what those parameters were, but probably had to do with the general boundary lines of the triangle shaped area. Two engineers came to the meeting to advise on technical aspects and to provide input on the design. Topics discussed were road height, width, and configuration. Other items considered were drainage needs, road access landscaping and estimated costs. The landscaper was asked to prepare a final version for the council and the next cemetery board meeting.
Another topic of much interest was funding – how to pay for the many things that go along with such a project. The deputy clerk informed the group the city *[Kelley]* had received $500 from the Story County Economic Development Group to be applied to creating a cemetery. The Kelley School Reunion Committee donated $500 for the project, with the hope that once the Board was in a financial position to do so they would pass a $500 donation on to another city group…Other grants were used for enhancements such as tree planting, grading, etc. At the second meeting of the board, a motion was made and passed … to name the new cemetery the Kelley Community Cemetery. It was thought that the word "community" encompassed the surrounding area rather than narrowing the cemetery down to just people from the City of Kelley and allowed rural residents to serve on the committee.

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The committee was responsible for contracting the engineers, contractors, to lead the process of building the cemetery. The landscape person had designed the cemetery to be in three sections which were simply designated A, B & C. Engineers planned and marked out how the road should go around these areas. Local townspeople did a lot of the nitty-gritty work of picking up rocks, planting trees, etc. We had many "work days" and just put up a notice that we would be doing _____ on such a time and people showed up to help. Incidentally, one of the projects concerning trees was done in conjunction with the Trees Forever committee which had been very active in Kelley. People purchased a tree through the Trees Forever group and in turn donated the tree to the cemetery. Thus, we have a beautiful cemetery filled with flowering crabs, little leaf lindens, and fortunately something we just realized, in light of the Ash Borer crisis, we only have two ash trees!

While all this was going on, the City Council was working to set up rules and regulations. They needed to state the purpose of the committee's powers and duties, set the charges for services provided, sales of lots and perpetual care as well as other details concerning the operation of the cemetery. Basically, it covered the purpose of the rules and regulations which was to specify the committee's powers and duties and to establish and regulate the cemetery.

Some of the things I found interesting when reviewing the rules and regulations was the fact that committee members shall receive NO compensation for their services. *[Here Merlene listed most of the rules of the cemetery which, in the limits of space, will not be repeated.]*

Many people have made donations to the cemetery as a memorial to their loved ones and many improvements have been made. An archway gate welcomes visitors to the cemetery and new brick pillars were added in recent years to offset the sign identifying the cemetery. A wrought iron fence has been installed along the west side of the cemetery. Several memorial benches have been donated as well as several trees.

There are a lot of things that go into "building a cemetery", not the least of which is the desire to have a lasting memorial to the loved ones that you can be proud of.

The cemetery has 600 adult grave sites and 80 sites for infants and children. Let us hope we never fill it up!"

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United States Air Force Brief History

The official Air Force Birthday is recognized as Sept. 18, 1947, which is the date of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. That legislation created what would later become to known as the United States Department of Defense. This established the United States Air Force as a separate branch of military service. The 74th Air Force Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022.

Before the creation of the Air Force, the military's flying operations were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea. The history of this branch of service is an important part of the history of air power in the United States. Naturally, the Air Force birthday owes a great deal to Orville and Wilbur Wright who pioneered mechanized flight with their successful mission in 1903.

But the Air Force also owes a great deal to Army pioneers who, roughly four years after the Wright Brothers' triumph at Kitty Hawk, began experimenting with using air superiority to gain tactical advantages in combat.

Enter the U.S. Army Signal Corps

When Thaddeus S. C. Lowe was named chief of the Union Army Balloon Corps, the long march to a separate Air Force began. The Army had several units dedicated to military flying over from the year 1907 to 1914. The timeline of Army aviation includes the following pre-Air Force organizations:

- Aeronautical Division, Signal Corps (August 1907 – July 1914)
- Aviation Section, Signal Corps (July 1914 – May 1918)
- Division of Military Aeronautics (May 1918 – May 1918)
- Air Service, U.S. Army (May 1918 – July 1926)
- U.S. Army Air Corps (July 1926 – June 1941)
- U.S. Army Air Forces (June 1941 – September 1947)

Information from: Air Force Birthday (veteran.com)

Items Used For Genealogy - SCGS Word Search

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

ANCESTORS	COMPUTER	FILES	LIFEFACT	PROGRAMS
ARCHIVE	COURTHOUSE	GRAVEMARKERS	LISTS	SOURCES
ARTICLE	DIGITIZATION	INTERESTGROUP	MILITARY	STORIES
BINDERS	DNA	INTERPRETER	NEWSPAPERS	TUTORIALS
BOOKS	DOCUMENT	INTERVIEWS	PAPER	VOLUNTEERS
CEMETERIES	EMAIL	LETTERS	PENCIL	WEBSITE
CITATIONS	FAMILYTREE	LIBRARY	PICTURES	YEARBOOKS

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OR
Credit Cards are accepted also (www.storygenes.com)
Membership - Individual $20 ___ or Family (2) $25 ___
OR
Donations
Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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Family Membership - $25
(12-month membership period)
Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

SCGS News

"Helping You Connect With Your Heritage"

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This issue has been edited by substitute personnel while our editor Dick Cooper is recovering from a broken ankle. We wish him well while he is re-COOPER-ating! (Please excuse the terrible pun!)

President's Message - Nancy Long

I am writing this a little early this month but it seems to be perfect timing. Just got done watching the Queen's funeral and thinking I was watching history being made right before my eyes. Yes, I am one of those who get up in the middle of the night to watch what is happening in the world. Seems like I want to see everything when it is actually happening. Can't always watch history being made so that is why doing genealogy research is so fascinating. I can make all kinds of discoveries about history in the past and the people who lived it. Sometimes there is a big piece of the puzzle missing but on a whole, most of the story is there.

Looking forward to the presentations planned for this year. I know I will learn much from each and every one.

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Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the August 2022 Financial Report verbally. Summer financial activities are slow. Pete reported one Pay Pal entry and two entries by check. Paypal reflects the dues entry at the end of July, minus the PayPal fee of $1.19. The bank transfer showed up in the August report. Report will be filed for an audit.
Librarian Malvina Lutz reminded everyone of the books available for review behind the APL desk on the 2nd floor. Resource books cannot be checked out; the #929*`-cataloged books can be checked out.
President Nancy Long thanked Dick Cooper, Newsletter Editor, for his continued support. Dick always welcomes your newsletter articles. Please keep those articles coming.
Nancy reminded everyone of the upcoming Genealogy Plus meeting scheduled for September 21 at the Ames Public Library and by Zoom. Allie Shambaugh-Miller will present on the subject of “Underground Railroad in Iowa.” You will learn about the flight of enslaved African Americans from Missouri and other slave states with a focus on Iowa. No registration required if attending in-person. ZOOM REGISTRATION REQUIRED: https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/event/genealogy-plus-2
Genealogy and Computer Help Session will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2022 Ames Public Library 10:00 am. Bring your questions and we’ll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research. Please attend if you can offer assistance. This session is informal and no appointment is needed.
Nancy introduced tonight’s speaker – Kyle D. Solberg, “Research from a Distance.” Kyle joined SCGS approximately 2 years ago. He works at the Parks Library, ISU, with a degree in History. He has ancestry in Japan, Germany, Ireland, and Norway. Most of his research is done via computer. His presentation focus was on the cost benefit analysis of computer resources vs in-person research and
keeping good documentation. Kyle’s presentation handout provides outstanding guidelines and resources to help you in your remote research including commonly used databases and major genealogical resources. Kyle is on Facebook and welcomes your questions. His handout can be found
inStoryGenes.com/Handouts/GenealogyResearch/Research from a Distance.The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

October is Family History Month

Upcoming SCGS Programs

All SCGS programs are open to the public

Monday, October 10, 6:30 PM CDT
Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
"Family Reunions"

A successful family reunion doesn't just happen. It requires preparation, patience, and planning. SCGS member Fidella Marty will describe her experience with a family reunion.

Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 AM CDT
Genealogy Plus
Ames Public Library
"Finding Your Roots"
(Co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.)

We'll be watching and discussing a segment of the TV program "Finding Your Roots."
PLEASE NOTE: Due to licensing agreements, this will be an in-person meeting only. There will not be a Zoom session.

Wednesday, October 29, 10 AM CDT
Genealogy and Computer Help Session

Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find a solution.
This is an informal session and no appointment is needed.
(Co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.)

Yes, You Can Write Your Own Story

By Malvina Lutz, SCGS Librarian

How many wish they could 'write their own story' of memories to pass along to family? We've all seen books that offer an easy way to fill in a few lines about how we grew up following a question. Not enough lines to tell a whole story…and most grandkids nowadays don't even learn to read or write cursive, leaving our scribbles just a foreign language! I have found a much easier way to record memories of my growing up years, schooling, career, raising a family, travels and more. My memories are all printed, in many chapters, in an actual hardcover book!

Given as a gift from my children, I received a one-year subscription to StoryWorth.com. For a whole year I received a weekly email from StoryWorth suggesting a prompt question. Thinking back on my memories and looking at pictures in old photo albums, I typed up a story about that time, attached a couple black&white photos, then emailed all off to StoryWorth.

A year later, I had written 53 stories that filled 406 pages! After reviewing all the pages online, I sent in an order for my free book. I was very pleased to receive a hardcover book of normal book size, and all my stories and photos printed on high quality paper. I then ordered more copies for my kids at $39.99 per book.

My gift subscription for about $100 has resulted in a printed hardcover book that each of my families now have to read all about Grandma's lifetime of memories. I will be discussing more details of writing my book at the November 14, 2022 SCGS monthly meeting. Before then, go online to storyworth.com and read all about how you can also 'Write Your Own Story' and have it printed in a hardcover book!

Genealogy Resource Books at Ames Public Library

By Malvina Lutz

Each year SCGS partners with Ames Public Library to share the cost in purchasing recently published books on genealogy. Books are on how to research your genealogy, research using DNA connections, finding your heritage in ethnic groups in Iowa and beyond, and more.

All genealogy books on the Resource Shelves are located on the second floor of Ames Public Library on the wall behind the upstairs librarian desk. These books are for doing research at the library. They cannot be checked out, though photocopies of pages are allowed.

Some genealogy books are cataloged for general use and can be checked out from the library. They are located on the second floor in the 929 section of bookshelves. Though more and more genealogy research is available to do online, don't forget about the large selection of genealogy resource books available at the Ames Public Library.

Suggestions for new genealogy books to add to the library that you may have seen online or elsewhere are always welcome. Please send an email to storygenes@gmail.com or pass along at a SCGS meeting.

“What To Do With Stuff”

[The following is taken from a presentation given by the late Merlene Whiseand, a long-term member of SCGS.]

“...When we talk about what to do with stuff it is so easy to say “donate it to a museum.” But my experience has proven to me that just because something is important to you does not mean that a museum will be tripping all over themselves to get it! Now I am talking about hard physical stuff, not the computer generated records and reports … I am talking about that old dresser, that old chair, some of the old teaching certificates…

[*Merlene reinteranted she had her mother’s cedar chest that her mother had obtained for graduation in 1912. First it was a “hope chest” with dish towels, pot holders, aprons, etc. and then it became a place to keep things important to her.*

[The society referred to below is NOT the Story County Genealogical Society.]

When the local historical/genealogical society was first formed I was among the very first members and contributed information, etc. to the group and did a lot of my original research there. They had always told me that was the place my mother’s cedar chest should go when the time came.

For all of my 82 years it was kept by some members of the family, but finally the time came when most of the remaining family members were so far removed from my mother that the decision was made to donate it to the society.

The first thing I did was contact the person I knew personally at the society. She and a co-president assured me that it would be a welcome addition.

I spent almost nine months cataloging, photographing and scanning a little over 100 items in the chest.

In December 2016, my husband and I delivered it to the local society and signed papers as to what it was and what they should do with the stuff they couldn’t use. Which was to return it to me or that periodically they have garage sales and sell stuff…

About four months passed before the curator, a co-president, told me that she had set up a display if I would like to see it. And when I got there, the display was rather disappointing as she had only used a very few items and did NOT want the cedar chest itself. I had been led to believe it was all taken care of and that items would be rotated as they had different displays… Such was not the case. So I had to make a quick decision on how to handle the situation. My decision was to simply take back everything and find another place for it. Which we did!
It is now at another historical society … and I am just hoping they will want everything in it…

One of the things the lady at the second historical society advised is to check and be sure that the museum or historical society is equipped to take care of what you are donating. She said sometimes things are not adequately taken care of and end up in worse shape than if you kept them at home in a box.

That is my experience. I really don't know how I could have checked it out any better than I did, and sometimes I think I should have just kept it in someone's attic (never in a basement which can flood) but unless those descendants are truly interested in genealogy and history, they really don't care about the thing MY mother felt were important enough to keep.

So I guess my only advice is to check everything out as thoroughly as you can and to realize that just because it is/was important to you, it probably is not that important to everyone else."

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President's Message - Nancy Long

It was so much fun watching Finding Your Roots on the big screen at the Ames Public Library with fellow genealogists at Genealogy Plus. The discussion afterwards was very informative as I heard what others noticed, either about what research had been done or how information was obtained. Interesting to learn about other cultures. Hope we do that again.

Fidelia gave us so many good tips on planning a Family Reunion. Sure, sounds like everyone had lots of fun getting together and getting to know each other better. Thank you.

Of course, getting together afterwards for lunch is always fun and informative also. Looking forward to many more of these opportunities.

The good news that Dick gets to go home to finish recuperating was fantastic.

From the editor: Yes, home is where your heart is - unless you have a sprained ankle and alternative. I would definitely encourage anyone who has a break of any kind to get as much physical therapy as possible.

Mary has been doing a great job with the newsletter and we all need to give her a big thank you. I've heard comments about readers missing the word search. I got some new ideas while I was laid up though. Mary only wanted a few words but this is probably more than a few so I'll shut down for now**. –Dick Cooper**

Story County Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes October 10, 2022

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:34 p.m. with 6 people participating via Zoom and 13 people attended in person.

Minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the September 2022 Financial Report via Zoom. September income was reflected through membership dues and Amazon credits. Expenses for September were due to speaker fee and post office box fee for one year. Report will be filed for audit.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, had nothing new to report at this time. If anyone has suggestions for genealogy books for the APL, please contact Malvina.

Nancy Long asked if there was an interest in touring the Ontario Cemetery in Ames October 20th. If interested, please contact Nancy.

Upcoming SCGS events scheduled in October are:

> Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 AM CDT Genealogy Plus, Ames Public Library
> "**Finding Your Roots"** (Co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.)

We'll be watching and discussing a segment of the TV program "Finding Your Roots."

PLEASE NOTE: Due to licensing agreements, this will be an in-person meeting only. There will not be a Zoom session.

Wednesday, October 26, 10 AM CDT Genealogy and Computer Help Session.

The next regular SCGS meeting is scheduled for November 7th at the APL and will include an election of officers.

Guest speaker for this evening was SCGS member Fidella Marty. Her presentation topic was Family Reunions. A successful family reunion doesn't just happen. It requires preparation, patience, and planning. Fidella gave ideas for a successful and rewarding family reunion for all. Your reunion should be interesting, revealing, stimulating, and include activities where all descendants can participate in the program. Here are some things to consider in your planning.

1. Planning can take anywhere from 2 months to 2 years. What is your family interest and background?

2. Give yourself time to plan.

3. Determine what kind of reunion you want. Who to include: descendants of grandparents.

4. Dates, location, length of time, meals, themes, nametags.

5. When (summer when kids are out of school)? Where (BBQ, city park, state park)? Does your family enjoy sports, water or snow skiing, swimming, baseball, heritage location? Do you have special recognitions to consider? How about providing heritage maps?

6. Start with a small simple group and work up to larger group.

7. Reunion should be focused on celebrating your family roots.

8. Provide nametags - perhaps color-coded referencing family tree lines.
9. Ask for volunteers or a secretary to record who, what, where, and when, addresses, emails, phone numbers, spouse names. Appoint someone to record family births, deaths, group sheets, wall charts. Provide

copies to each family.

10. Consider get acquainted activities, scavenger hunts, sing-a-longs, birthdays, lawn games, bocce ball, beanbag toss. Share in meal preparations and responsibilities.

11. Consider a meditation and remembrance time for those who have passed on.

Here are just a couple location suggestions. There are many available.

The Barn B&B located in Valley Falls, Kansas

(https://www.thebarnbb.com/)

The **Dairy Barn** located in Ionia, IA. https://www.thedairybarn.com/

President Nancy Long thanked Fidella for her time in sharing her family's suggestions for having a successful family reunion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

Amazon Smile– A Way to Help SCGS

If you use Amazon.com to make purchases, there is a way you can help the Story County Genealogical Society without any additional cost to you. If you designate a qualified non-profit organization such as SCGS, a 501(3)c, then when you make your purchases at smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of the cost of eligible items will be donated to SCGS.

This does not raise the price of any item in your shopping cart. Although the amount may seem small the amount will increase as more people use it and choose to donate to SCGS. For example the commission we receive from Amazon has helped to offset the fees we pay to PayPal.

If you plan to shop at Amazon during the upcoming holiday season, please consider designating the Story County Genealogical Society as the beneficiary. Just go to smile.amazon.com to do a one-time set up, and then when you shop on Amazon be sure you are at smile.amazon.com.

(Personal note: I like to add items to my cart, and then when I am ready to check out, I go to smile.amazon.com to complete the transaction.)

UPCOMING SCGS EVENTS

All SCGS Programs are open to the public!

Monday, November 14

Annual Meeting; "Sharing Our Story" (SCGS Meeting)

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave., Ames, Iowa; also via Zoom

Annual meeting (usually brief) followed by three SCGS members describing how they have shared their genealogy story or research.

Wednesday, November 16

It's All Inside: Digital Books for Genealogical Research (Genealogy Plus!)

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

This will be a virtual presentation

Presenter: Megan Klein-Hewitt

Digitized books are an abundant -- and often free -- resource that are freely available to everyone through the click of a button. Join Megan Klein-Hewitt, Adult Services Manager at Ames Public Library, to learn about the variety of sources available online, and how to make the most of these important resources.

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

Wednesday, November 23

Genealogy Help Session (Help Session)

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave., Ames, Iowa

Bring your genealogy questions and we'll try to help you find a solution.

No appointment needed. This is a drop-in session.

Or, just come to chat with a group of friendly genealogists.

Wednesday, December 14

The Cultural Impact of the Covid Pandemic: Lessons for Genealogists (Genealogy Plus!)

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave., Ames, Iowa; also via Zoom

A Genealogy Plus Bonus!

Presenter: Dr. Paul Lasley

Family stories are an essential part of genealogy research. Dr. Lasley will describe the impacts of the Covid pandemic on Iowa families and communities.

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

John Floyd Ballard and Anna Lee (David) Ballard

(Patricia Rose (Ballard) Coffie has been gathering stories about her family for many years. This is one more about her Story County family.)

Maxine (Ballard) Deer History of Ballards

Genealogy of John Floyd Ballard—Anna (David) Ballard

John Floyd Ballard, the seventh child of Russell Wells Ballard and Bashua Marie (Sheffield) Ballard. Born in Story City, Iowa Feb. 5, 1879. Five miles southeast of the Fairview site, in Howard Twp. west of the Sheffield Cemetery and east of the Skunk River. At the age of 21, still living at home he decided to become a mason, like his father Russell did in Nov. 12, 1864 Lodge 99 in Story City, Iowa. John was a member for 64 years. There are now 12 members of his family masons. Five Shriners and nine Eastern Star of which there are four generations of Masons.
Father Russell Ballard
Son John Floyd
John Floyd's son Kenneth and Kenneth's sons Kenneth Ballard Jr. and David.
June 11, 1904 John married Anna Lee David, daughter of Derious David and Catherine Stumbaugh, born in Rock Creek County, Logan, KS on July 3, 1886.
John and Anna were married at M. E. Church at Nevada, Iowa by Rev. C. L. Uye. Where Anna's grandmother Hannah Stumbaugh was a member in 1858. And the Church is still in service and beautiful in 1961.
John and Anna lived in with Russell and Bashua and brother Anson to help out with the farming as Russell was getting up in years to do the work on the farm. After Russell passed away Aug. 19, 1907, John bought land south of the homestead including 40 acres of the estate. They built half of the nine-room house. Then finished it in 1919. A large barn with silo and other small buildings. John always had teams of mules to farm with and raised Shetland ponies for the children to ride. With approximately 120 acres, plenty of trees, fine fruit, nut and maple which was tapped for maple syrup. The Skunk River also provided many hours of entertainment for the nine children, swimming, fishing, ice-skating. The farm provided a profit, a living and an education for all.
All nine of the children attended the Sheffield Grade School and Inez, Ray, Sylvia and John Jr. graduated from Story City High School. They all got a teacher's certificate. Inez taught for seventeen years and John went to Ames College. Ray went to Des Moines and later opened his own business "Ballard Coal Co." Sylvia got married.
In 1929 the Depression hit. John and Anna lost the farm they loved and worked so hard for. They moved to Des Moines, IA and eventually settled on S. E. 26th and Evergreen. It was a much smaller place.
In June of 1942, the last of their nine children, Maxine married and left for the first time since 1904, John and Anna were alone except for welcome visits from their grandchildren. Then in Aug. 1942 a tragedy struck. Their daughter-in-law, Dorothy wife of Glenn, was shot to death by

a neighbor gone berserk. One son, Myron, was injured in the hip, after that he was hard of

hearing as well. Dorothy died leaving three sons—Roger 4, LeRoy 7, and Myron 9--motherless. John and Anna started all over again raising another family. They did another beautiful job. They taught them the basic rules and lots of love. They graduated from high school and are all happily married. Raising children on a large farm and sending them to country schools was much different than town schools and riding buses. A faster pace of life for them, with their faith and determination to succeed.

John and Anna had endured many hardships, heartaches, but with the help of their own children in many ways, they also encouraged them.

Their daughter, Merna being the middle child, helped out with the smaller brothers and sister. She was our second Mom. Then she helped out with the grandchildren, as she had children the same age.

In Sept. 23, 1950, Anna became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Eastgate Chapter No. 538 in Des Moines, Iowa which John and Anna both demitted in April 13, 1965 to neophyte, Chapter No. 206 in New Virginia, Iowa.

In 1964, they were forced to sell their farm, so Ewing Park could enlarge and Easter Lake could be developed. They then moved east of New Virginia, IA, approximately 40 miles south of Des Moines, Iowa.

John and Anna worked hard for their families. Then each summer one of their children and their families would take them on a fishing trip, usually to Minnesota. On July 4, 1965, after a week spent in Minnesota on a fishing trip with daughter Maxine and family, John and Anna went on a trip to California to see son Ray and Family. They went with son Donald and Margaret. They enjoyed the beautiful mountains, badlands and the Pacific Ocean. They enjoyed every mile.

In Elko, Nevada on their return trip home, John suffered a stroke and was hospitalized for 10 days. Merna and Maynard, Maxine and George drove out, and John Jr. and Gertie flew out to give our Mom moral support and our Dad gave our love encouraged him to fly home with Mom. They hired a private plane and their son John Jr. flew with them. They arrived on the 23 of July, and the next day after, he had seen the rest of their children Kenneth and Helen and son Glenn, the children all left the hospital in Osceola, Iowa. So, John and Anna could rest from the flight from Elko, Nevada. Their first and last flight together. Dad passed away holding Mom's hand. Anna continued living in their home east of New Virginia, Iowa. Their son Glenn stayed part time with her to help out. We lost our Mother Sept. 9, 1973 while taking a nap. Merna was alone with Mom to the very end.

Their memories will live and grow in their children and 48 grandchildren, 90 great and 9 great-great grandchildren. Approximate count as of 1981.

Compiled by Maxine (Ballard) Deer.
Then typed and digitized version for easier reading.

Patricia Coffie's note: "I haven't changed Aunt Maxine's story.
I do believe if anything ever defined my grandparents, it was "Family is Family."

Theresa Albers Schaefers: One Less Brick Wall!

By Mary J. Lohr

Theresia Albers, first wife of my great-grandfather John Schaefers (1841-1917), has been almost a complete mystery for over twenty years. The only substantial record I had was a marriage registration that she and John were married 20 September, 1870 in Clayton County, Iowa. The record did not list witnesses nor parents.

My husband, Jim, and I had done extensive searching, but could not locate a definitive date of death nor place of burial. Two of her four children died before the age of five. One daughter was raised by a “great-aunt” named Adelheid (Paula) Rosen according to a note by one researcher. A second son was handicapped and received vocational training as a carpenter but never married. In later census records the place of birth of the mother of these two children was listed variously as Prussia or Hanover.

For over twenty years Theresa was a solid brick wall! There were other families in the Clayton County, Iowa, area with the Albers surname but I was never able to connect them to Theresa. I continued to pursue all possible leads, but to no avail. A distant cousin and I collaborated and found bits and pieces, but again, nothing definite of the ever-elusive Theresa.

Then in July 2022 I found Theresa and John entered into the FamilySearch Family Tree and a location of Bawinkel, Germany! Could it be “my” Theresa? Her parents were listed as Catherine Rosen and Clemens Albers.

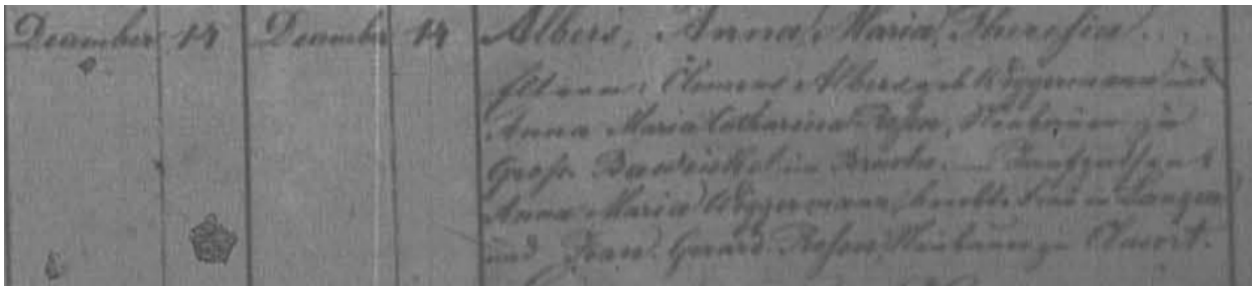
More searching on FamilySearch turned up some possibilities but not the solid information I was seeking. The FamilySearch Wiki mentioned that some Catholic Church German records could be found on a free site called *Matriula!* (https://data.matricula-online.eu/en/) And, fortunately, the town of Bawinkel was included in their records! It took some time to examine the records and decipher the handwriting, but persistence paid off and I eventually found the birth record for Anna Maria Theresa Albers, daughter of Alexius Clemens Albers (born Wiggermann) and Anna Maria Catherine Rosen on 14 Dec 1849. Time for the genealogy happy dance!

Further examination of the records revealed the names of six siblings and the names of her maternal and paternal grandparents. This was far more than I had ever anticipated finding!

I still have not located her date of death nor her burial site-- but I'm not giving up!

(This is a condensed version of this genealogy puzzle.

You can read a more detailed account on my blog post of July 20, 2022 at maryjlohr.wordpress.com)



Baptismal record of Anna Maria Theresia Albers found in the St. Alexander Church Records, Bawinkel, Germany. Accessed via Matricula website (https://data.matricula-online.eu/en/)

Meet Your Local, Friendly Web Managers

Mary Lohr has been affiliated with the SCGS website since its beginning. A graduate of South Dakota State University with a B.S. in medical technology, she and her husband Jim have been residents of Ames since 1971. They have a married daughter in Denver and one grandchild. Mary has been researching her family history since about the age of ten when she was shown the tombstones of her great-great grandparents in Grundy County, Iowa. She still has not found all the pieces of the puzzles but enjoys the thrill of the hunt.

She spent thirty-five years working at Parks Library, Iowa State University where she learned some of the basics of webpage editing. She maintains a personal website, a blog, several Facebook groups and pages, and also helps edit her homeowner's association website. Each platform has unique challenges. She has been pleased with the migration of the SCGS website to the EasyNetSites platform and notes that many other genealogy societies are now also using ENS.

Gwenna Jacobson assumed the role of co-web manager in 2022. She is a native of Webster City, Iowa and came to Iowa State University where she obtained both B.S. and M.S. degrees in computer engineering. It was at a weekend event before classes began she met her future husband Doug, now University Professor in Computer Engineering at Iowa State. They've been married 39 years and are the parents of three children, Sarah, Jordan and Jessica.

Gwenna has researched Norwegian, Ostfriesen, English and Dutch ancestry. In 2011 she visited Germany and was thrilled to visit the villages of her ancestors and meet residents of the area. She was very impressed with how kind her hosts were to her and her sister Lorinda.
In addition to genealogy, Gwenna also enjoys quilting. So the question: is the room in their recently remodeled house a genealogy room or a quilt room?

Gwenna assists at SCGS Help sessions where she shares her knowledge about European research.

In addition to the SCGS website (storygenes.com), Mary and Gwenna also manage the SCGS Facebook page (Facebook.com/storygenes), and the Zoom meetings. They also send regular emails about SCGS activities.

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